



**PALMER**

**ANNUAL TOWN REPORT / 1978**

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**ANNUAL REPORTS**

OF THE

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AND OF THE

**Receipts and Expenditures**

FOR THE

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## FACTS ABOUT PALMER

SETTLED	1716
INCORPORATED	1776
LOCATION	About 15 miles east of Springfield on U.S. Route 20
HIGHEST ELEVATION	Mt. Pattaquattic, 180 feet
POPULATION	11,755 (State Census—1975)
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	Town Meeting
TAX RATE-FY-1979	\$33.50 per M
TOWN	
FIRE DISTRICT TAX	
Precinct A	\$2.60 per M
Precinct B	\$1.10 per M
Precinct C	\$2.00 per M
Precinct D	\$2.00 per M
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS	3,090 Approximately
PROPERTY VALUATION	\$117,378,771.00
AREA	Approximately: Land, 20,110.0 acres; water, 457.5 acres, total 20,568.4 acres, 32.14 sq. miles
STREET AND HIGHWAYS	About 150 miles
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Three elementary at Palmer, two at Three Rivers, one each at Thorndike and Bondsville, High School at Palmer
FIRE PROTECTION	Fire Stations at Walnut St., Palmer, Main St., Three Rivers and Main St., Bondsville
POLICE	Well-established 15-member force headed by Acting Chief, Harold L. Olson
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Legion Field (athletic), Eager Playground, Burleigh Park, plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common, Thorndike Grammar School and Endelson Playground, Bondsville
PUBLIC LIBRARY	North Main St., Palmer

**GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICTS**

**AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE**

**TOWN OF PALMER**

**United States Senators**

Edward W. Brooke, Newton  
Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

**Representative in Congress**

Second Congressional District  
Edward P. Boland, Springfield

**Councillor**

Seventh Councillor District  
Leo J. Turo

**State Senator**

Worcester, Hampden, Franklin  
and  
Hampshire Senatorial District  
Robert D. Wetmore

**Representative in General Court**

First Hampden Representative District  
John B. Perry, Monson

**County Commissioners**

Stephen A. Moynahan  
Richard S. Thomas  
Armando G. Dimauro

**District Attorney**

Matthew J. Ryan, Jr., Springfield

**TOWN OFFICERS — 1978**  
**(Elective)**

**TOWN CLERK**

John T. Brown	Term expires 1979
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**TOWN TREASURER**

Joseph S. Gill	Term expires 1981
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**COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Stephen J. Dranka	Term expires 1980
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**SELECTMEN**

James L. St.Amand, Chairman	Term expires 1979
William J. Lemanski	Term expires 1980
Palmer N. Santucci, Jr.	Term expires 1981

**ASSESSORS**

Stanley J. Swiatlowski, Chairman	Term expires 1979
Anthony Oliviera	Term expires 1980
Alvin C. Rondeau	Term expires 1981

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Lawrence M. Jasak, Chairman	Term expires 1979
Robert S. Dupuis	Term expires 1980
Joseph J. Malzenski	Term expires 1980
Robert W. Dranka	Term expires 1981
Joseph S. Romanik	Term expires 1981

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Frederick J. Lis, Chairman	Term expires 1981
Maurice R. LePage, D.S.C.	Term expires 1979
Donald H. Cavanaugh	Term expires 1980
James R. Phaneuf*	

\*appointed to fill vacancy caused by  
the death of Donald H. Cavanaugh

**CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS**

Walter L. Chase, Chairman	Term expires 1981
Robert E. Geer	Term expires 1979
Ernest G. Hiersche, Jr.	Term expires 1980

**LICENSE COMMISSIONERS, 1 year**

Leon Wlodyka, Chairman	
Bernard J. Lamery	Milton F. Misiaszek

**PLANNING BOARD**

E. Robert Graveline, Chairman	Term expires 1981
Deborah C. Pelletier	Term expires 1979
Daniel V. Fogarty, Jr.	Term expires 1980
Doris S. Nahabedian	Term expires 1982
Joseph E. Slowick, Jr.	Term expires 1983

**PLANNING BOARD (continued)**

Walter S. Topor\*

\*appointed to fill vacancy caused by  
the resignation of Deborah C. Pelletier

**PARK COMMISSIONERS, 1 year**

David E. Johnson, Chairman

William K. Cole

James T. Duke

Robert J. DeMaio

Walter A. Pluta

**PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY**

\*Myrtle C. Davis, Chairman

\*State Member (appointed)

August 25, 1979

Richard E. Fontaine

Term expires 1979

Aloysius J. Tyburski

Term expires 1981

William J. Lemanski

Term expires 1982

Rev. Guy M. Judkins

Term expires 1983

**PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Floyd D. Romanik, Jr.

Term expires 1979

Michael J. Cavanaugh

Term expires 1981

**PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Neil M. McDonald, Chairman

Term expires 1983

John D. O'Brien

Term expires 1980

Thomas W. Haley

Term expires 1981

Mary C. Krawiec

Term expires 1982

State member (appointed):

Leonard J. Sabourin

February 12, 1983

**MODERATOR, 1 year**

Thomas W. Haley

**OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN**

**ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE—**  
(Civil Service)

Henry S. Janasiewicz  
(retired 1/31/78)

Harold L. Olson  
(appointed 2/1/78)



### **AIRPORT STUDY COMMITTEE**

Harold S. Crane	Palmer N. Santucci, Jr.
Marilyn J. Longtine	Louis J. Wrubel
Bernard J. Griffin	

### **AMBULANCE STUDY COMMITTEE**

Denzil C. Drewry	Mary E. Phelan
Dominik Machnik	V. William Swirk
Sandra L. Reep	

### **ANIMAL INSPECTOR—**

Louis S. Jacek

### **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Dr. William Riley	1979
Joseph W. Topor, Jr.	1979
Joseph L. Marchelewicz	1980
Mitchell L. Dobek	1980
Gordon R. Dean	1981
Dr. Charles Labuz, Alternate	1980
Floyd D. Romanik, Jr., Alternate	1981

### **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Richard Rollet

### **ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR**

John L. Worthing

### **CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR**

Anthony J. Piechota

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Harry Johnson	1979
Jane Golas	1979
William M. Wadas	1980
Andrew S. Roman	1980
David E. Johnson	1980
Margaret P. Ziegler	1981
Richard D. Stred	1981

### **CONSTABLES**

Harold L. Olson	Daniel A. Janulewicz
Edward J. Jasak	Howard E. Case
Henry S. Janasiewicz	Earl E. Benoit
Palmer N. Santucci, Jr.	

### **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Andre A. Corbin	1979
Rev. James Diemand	1979
Elizabeth S. Kolbusz	1979
Kenneth C. Roberge	1979
Genevieve G. Janosz	1980
Joseph J. Malzenski	1980
Richard T. Santucci	1980
Isabel M. Ditto	1981
C. Herbert Salter	1981
Nathan N. Sheldon	1981
Rose Tyburski—Home Care Observer	1980

## **COURTHOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE**

Dominik Machnik	V. William Swirk
Denzil C. Drewry	Mary E. Phelan
Thomas S. Harrington	

<b>COURT PROSECUTOR</b>	Walter D. Raleigh
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<b>CUSTODIAN, MEMORIAL HALL</b>	John F. Doyle
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<b>CUSTODIAN, PALMER TOWN BUILDING</b>	Walter A. Pietryka
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<b>DOG OFFICER</b>	Frederick J. Guzik, Jr.
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<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, SELECTMEN</b>	Stanley J. Bigda—1981
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## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Three Yr. Term**

Norbert P. Fauteux  
John J. Gancarz  
Clarence C. Johnson  
Walter E. McCloskey  
Edward J. Noonan  
Robert J. Reil  
Stanley J. Salamon  
Paul Satkowski  
Fred A. Silliker  
John A. Skowronek  
Walter P. Wozniakowski

### **Two Yr. Term**

Richard P. Bonnayer  
David M. Droz  
Mitchell Garabedian  
Edward S. Godek  
Walter J. Graham, Sr.  
John T. Leacock  
Alexander J. Lemanski  
Edward R. Libera  
Joseph L. Marchelewicz  
Chester G. Motyka  
Henry C. Naglack  
Frederick C. Rathbone, Jr.

### **One Yr. Term**

Mark E. Benoit  
Robert E. Blanchard  
Edward H. Boron  
Joseph P. Golas  
William Gilbert, Jr.  
Joseph A. Kszepka  
Matthew Laska  
Stanley Ridz  
Robert W. Sibley  
Winston L. Stred  
Gary F. Stahelski  
Lewis J. Kapinos

<b>FOREST WARDEN</b>	Gus A. Theodore
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<b>GARBAGE COLLECTION (contract)</b>	Stanley P. Juda
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<b>GAS INSPECTOR</b>	Robert A. Squires (resigned 9-29-78) Harold F. Thatcher (appointed 11-14-78)
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## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Stephen J. Lebida	1979
William M. Wadas	1979

Daniel V. Fogarty, Jr.	1979
Reginald C. Gale	1979
Margaret P. Donovan	1980
Marion P. Lis	1980
Doris S. Nahabedian	1980

## **HOUSE NUMBERER**

Joseph P. Golas

## **INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY**

Theodore N. Bonnayer	1979
Chester Gronostalski	1980
Stephanie G. Lesniewski	1981
Dr. James R. Flaherty	1982
Gordon J. King	1983

## **INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Robert R. Canterbury	Robert R. Janasiewicz
Joseph S. Gill	Sidney R. Mercier
Reginald E. Molleur	

## **INSURANCE BROKERS OF RECORD**

Robert E. Graveline	Joseph A. Kszepka
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## **LOCAL BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Dr. William Riley	1979
Joseph W. Topor, Jr.	1979
Mitchell L. Dobek	1980
Joseph L. Marchelewicz	1980
Gordon R. Dean	1981

## **LOCAL GROWTH POLICY STUDY COMMITTEE**

Gordon H. Christiansen	Kenneth C. Sherman
David E. Johnson	George W. LeBlanc, Jr.
Richard E. Fontaine	Marion C. Stephenson
John D. O'Brien	Joseph P. Hinchey
Dr. Maurice R. LePage	David J. Uguccione
Joseph P. Golas	

## **Students:**

Janet Callahan	Michael Paugh
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## **LOWER PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Town Representative	George A. Backus
Policy Advisory Representative	Jane E. Golas
"208" Policy Advisory Representative	David R. Taylor

## **MILK INSPECTOR**

Frank J. Swiatlowski

## **PALMER AUXILIARY POLICE**

Joseph Barone	Louis W. Iadisernia
Lawrence A. Barton	Richard A. Kszepka
Ronald J. Bigda	Raymond F. LaBonte
Charles M. Callahan, III	Robert R. Laviolette
Robert Frydryk	Cornelius J. Murphy, Jr.
Ronald A. Gouvin	Roland R. Roy
Arthur A. Hebert, Jr.	Donald L. Tassinari

## **PALMER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY**

Theodore N. Bonnayer	Walter M. Krawiec
Gordon H. Christiansen	Arthur C. Lincoln
Dr. James R. Flaherty	Leo F. St.Amand
Chester Gronostalski	Linwood F. Thompson
Thomas W. Haley	Alexander W. Tobiasz

## **PALMER LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Lois C. Reynolds, Ex-Officio  
Member, Board of Trustees

Walter A. Haggerty, Jr.	Jeannette M. Graveline
Mary M. McManus	William H. Maus
Alphonse E. Murray, Jr.	Rose C. Tyburski
Robert R. Janasiewicz	V. Ursula St.Amand
Ann A. Heropoulos	Michael J. Moran
Henry Rivers	Gladys B. Duffy
Helen Duffy	Patricia Smith

James J. Paugh, Finance Committee Member

## **PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE —**

### **PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Richard C. Taylor	1979
Mary A. Fogarty	1979
Anthony Olivier	1980
	(Resigned 11-21-78)
Mitchell L. Dobek	1980
	(Resigned 4-24-78)
Winston Churchill	1981

## **PLUMBING INSPECTOR —**

Henry Salamon

### **PUBLIC WEIGHERS**

Wilfred J. Marchand	Jewel Kumpulanian
Irene A. Raczka	Barbara Marcinkiewicz
Catherine Romanik	Bernard Fontaine
Roland J. Fontaine	David J. Shumway
Richard E. Fontaine	Earl L. Stockwell
Howard Lemon	Brian A. Haley
Philip O'Malley	Charles M. Callahan
Gerald N. Charette	Barbara A. Kerigan
Dennis Desautels	Arthur Merritt
Yves LeChance	Patrick C. Connor

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Ronald F. Benoit	1979
Sandra L. Reep	1979
Marion E. Kozlik	1980
Walter J. Majka	1981
Edwin J. Rehor	1981
Gerald J. Aliengena	1982
Paul P. Frydryk	1982
Charles H. Jasak	1983



## RECREATION COMMITTEE (continued)

John J. Dyl — Director

James T. Duke — 1st Alternate 1979

### REGISTRARS

John T. Brown permanent

Sonia L. Thompson 1979

Edward J. Tenczar 1980

Julia A. Machnik 1981

(Resigned 10-11-78)

Frank J. Kitch 1981

(Appointed 11-1-78)

**SANTARY LANDFILL CARETAKER —** James Rich

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES —**  
(Civil Service) Charles H. Jasak

**SUPT., INSECT PEST CONTROL —** Stanley J. Strzemieniski

**SUPT., PARK DEPARTMENT —** Michael Russo

**SUPT., STREETS & HIGHWAYS —** Oliver A. Beauregard

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT** Stanley J. Bigda — 1981

**TOWN AUCTIONEER** Franklin A. Gale

**TOWN COUNSEL** James F. Baird

**TOWN ENGINEER** Kenneth C. Sherman

### TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS

Gus A. Theodore Charles R. Frydryk

**TREE WARDEN** Oliver A. Beauregard

**VETERAN'S AGENT, BURIAL AGENT,  
GRAVES OFFICER** Lawrence J. Ochs

**WIRE INSPECTOR** Stanley J. Pietryka

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The following dog licenses were issued during the year ending December 31, 1978:

Males	513
Females	73
Spayed Females	263
Kennel	<u>12</u>
	861

Paid Treasurer .....\$2,612.00

The following permits were issued during the year ending December 31, 1978:

Raffle-Bazaar	16
Gasoline storage (renewals)	<u>39</u>
	55

Paid Town Treasurer (55 at \$10.00) .....\$550.00

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The following Vital Statistics were received for record for the year ending December 31, 1978:

Number of births	118
Number of marriages	159
Number of deaths	165

John T. Brown  
Town Clerk

## VITAL STATISTICS

The attention of parents and others is called to the following Vital Statistics. It is important that the records should be correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Town Clerk will deem it a favor to have the same reported to him at once, and he will make the corrections in accordance with the law. Parents should see that a proper return of birth is made as it may be of great importance in after life.

## BIRTHS 1978

Date	Name of Child	Parents
<b>JANUARY</b>		
8	Martin William Henrich	Mark & Dianne M.
9	Michelle Ann Pyzocha	John J. & Sylvia M.
12	Kristy Rae Gore	Gary A. & Theresa I.
13	Jaime Lee Ducey	James T. & Cindy L.
22	Steven James Costain	James M. & Diane M.
24	Timothy Edward Girouard	Thomas E. & Elizabeth A.
25	Richard Allen Cook Jr.	Richard A. & Birgit H.
25	Stacy Marie Matthieu	Michael F. & Patricia J.
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
4	Melissa Ann Palmer	William H. & Deborah A.
6	Jeremy Scott Pereira	Keith R. & Susan M.
9	Jennifer Lisa Greany	Martin H. & Barbara J.
20	Andrew Dale Crowther	Dale R. & Paula J.
24	Karen Michele Kosmider	Stephen J. Jr. & Charlene A.
<b>MARCH</b>		
2	Amanda Jean Losaw	Raymond P. & Dorcas R.
6	Sarah Elizabeth Morin	Dennis J. & Cynthia J.
13	Peter John Martowski	Stanley J. & Barbara
15	Brian Anthony Pascale	Roxy J. & Patricia L.
19	Michael James Kempestry	Joseph J. & Carol A.
20	Joanna Sandra Jaworek	Gerald E. & Fryderyka M.
21	Alicia Jean LaVallie	David E. & Deborah R.
23	Nathan Richard Thomas	Richard F. & Marlese J.
26	Heather Lynn Pfeffer	Rick E. & Kathleen L.
29	Heath Martin Gelinis	Lawrence N. & Marlene D.
30	Jonathan Patrick Sullivan	Raymond M. & Patricia A.
<b>APRIL</b>		
2	Allison Marie Biron	Dennis C. & Marsha L.
3	Greg Alan Reyes	Eduardo & Tammy L.
13	Melissa Rae Chapman	William F. & Kathleen M.
15	Brad Howard Holmes	Robert A. & Gail D.
16	Jesse Adam Davis	Terence M. & Deborah A.
27	Nathan Jeffrey Golas	Jeffrey P. & Holly K.
28	Heather Ann Korzec	Michael P. & Beverly J.
<b>MAY</b>		
4	Kelly Jo Charette	Richard J. & Cherrylyn M.
13	Jody Patrick Naglack	Henry C. & Helena M.A.
16	Jason Albert Boulrice	John R. & Joann
23	Anthony Gerald Aliengena	Gary A. & Susan L.
27	Keith William Richardson	Edward C. & Phyllis J.
30	Heather Leane Coons	Arthur E. Jr. & Diane R.
<b>JUNE</b>		
2	Jason Kilbourne Ellsworth	Keith K. & Donna M.
2	Robert Francis Robbins Jr.	Robert F. & Shirley A.
3	Angela Mary Coache	Mark F. & Sheila A.
5	MacKenzie Reeser	Curtis C.G. & Linda P.
6	Joshua Luke Thresher	Kenneth W. & Cheryl A.
7	Susan Mary Marciniac	Thomas F. & Cheryl A.
9	Kyle Matthew Hinchey	Joseph P. & Judith A.
12	Nicholas Daniel Kielbania	Daniel M. & Jacqueline A.
15	Justin James Coyer	Leo P. & Karen P.
15	Angela Marie Russo	David P. & Deborah A.
16	Rebecca Winona Robar	Robert R. Jr. & Lois E.
18	Nathan Joseph Abare	Earl H. Jr. & Christine
20	Douglas Paul Gowen	Richard H. Jr. & Liane D.
20	Beth Ann Mega	Gerald E. & Linda A.

Date	Name of Child	Parents
JULY		
3	Kerri Lynne Streeter	Allan F. & Verna L.
6	Jonathan Thomas Allard	Thomas J. & MaryJane
7	Sean Patrick Kowalik	Reginald J. & Wilifred L.
8	Heather Lynn Philibotte	Joseph D. Jr. & Jane A.
14	Eric Rene DeLaBruere	Michael R. & Melody D.
14	Sarah True Phelps	Joel E. & Jean L.
15	James Alan Brothers	Scott A. & MaryJane K.
21	Stacey Renee Labonte	Charles E. & Carol A.
25	Maya Amy Spelko	John T. & Linda A.
26	Kristy Marie Giordano	Franco A. & Mary E.
26	Jason Nichols Kuder	Everett C. & Cynthia C.
AUGUST		
4	Kate Barrett DiNuovo	John B. & Lorraine I.
10	Amiee Janell Flynn	Thomas F. & Doreen J.
10	Daniel Alexander Geer	Wayne L. & Pamela A.
11	Shawn Edward Brittain	George T. & Rosanne A.
11	Frank Leon Kowalczyk	Francis J. & Elaine M.
12	Gregory Paul Niejadlik	Paul T. & Eileen M.
15	Lyndsey Helen Colburn	Glenn D. & Cindy L.
16	Diana Britt Graveline	Thomas W. & Jeanette M.
17	Kate Elizabeth Fredette	Ralph H. & Kathleen M.
18	Jeffrey Alan Roy	Daniel H. & Nancy A.
20	Jonathan Alexander Pobieglo	Richard M. & Laura
26	Kenneth Oliver Beauregard	Danny O. & Judith E.
28	Jason David Auclair	James R. & Cheryl A.
28	Robert Vincent Dufresne	Maurice E. & Deborah J.
SEPTEMBER		
2	Jennifer Merle Flegert	John P. & Linda C.
6	Marc Robert Gagnon	Robert G. & Nancy L.
11	Ryan Thomas Minns	Thomas A. & Darlene A.
14	Melissa Marie Farrand	Leo L. & Susan M.
26	Douglas Charles Francoeur	Edward F. & Ellen C.
26	Kim Mary Gatto	Thomas P. & Florence A.
26	Eric James Giordano	Edward H. & Pauline A.
27	Christopher George Sweeney	Paul F. & Ellen
30	James Robert Boyer	Gary R. & Donna M.
OCTOBER		
5	Tyson Douglas Robbins	Mark D. & Cynthia L.
9	Heather Marie Coache	Michael J. & Judith A.
9	Sara Lynn Pike	Gary W. & Gail M.
10	Tracy Lee Begin	Leo A. & Alice T.
10	Hilary Jean Clough	Robert A. & Ann L.
11	Scott William McMahon	William B. & Cathy L.
16	Carolyn Ann Coache	Stephen G. & Andrea M.
21	Michelle Marie Croze	Jeffrey A. & Monica M.
22	Shane Arthur Arsenault	Arthur C. & Kathleen
26	Kerri Ann Kelsey	Daniel A. & Susan L.
30	Jason Todd Brindle	Mark W. & Linda S.
30	Douglas Ronald Courchesne	Paul R. & Carol L.
NOVEMBER		
10	Adam Lachance	Yvon & Joyce M.
15	Nathan Miles Lis	James H. & Sara A.
18	Curtis James DuPont	James E. & Debby L.
20	Jodi-Lynn Nina Chaples	George R. Jr. & Dina L.
22	Daniel Robert Clark	Bruce L. & Noreen H.
27	Rachel Leigh Sibley	Roger W. & Marcia P.
28	Amber Lynn Leduc	Michael W. & Christine L.



Date	Name of Child	Parents
DECEMBER		
3	Adam Daniel Benoit	Bruce M. & Marie A.
3	Patrick Gerard Burke	Ronald J. & Alberta L.
5	Jessy Daniel Shea	Mark D. & Cheryl A.
5	Gary David Stewart	George R. Jr. & Cindy L.
7	Jeremy Raymond Lizak	Clayton J. & Diana J.
16	Tody Rubner	Richard F. & Hope H.
18	Christopher Douglas Fielding	Lawrence E. & Laurie M.
20	Anthony Paul Keough	Allen C. Jr. & Dianne M.
26	Todd Anthony Gelinas	Mark P. & Susan C.
28	Aaron Richard Banford	Stanley F. & Lucy J.
28	Eric Joseph Beaulieu	Guy P. & Patricia
31	Christina Lynn Carpenter	Stacy J. & Joyce E.

## MARRIAGES 1978

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
JANUARY				
6	Albert J. Duden	Belchertown	Betty L. Deyo	Belchertown
6	David H. Motyka	Palmer	Rose C. Santiello	Agawam
14	Alonzo Lovern, Jr.	Palmer	Mary L. Walker	Palmer
20	Richard W. Bigos	Palmer	Joyce M. Berthiaume	Ware
31	Scott A. Brothers	Palmer	Mary-Jane K. Lewicki	Palmer
FEBRUARY				
4	Paul T. Kruckas	West Brookfield	Diane F. Smith	West Brookfield
12	Mark T. Stayer	Palmer	Sharyn E. Temple	Palmer
MARCH				
4	Roger D. Grimsley	Ware	Sandra J. Rice	Ware
4	Donald D. Marciniac	Palmer	Kathryn M. Palmer	Belchertown
10	John F. Smith	Palmer	Lori M. Baer	Palmer
18	Edward R. Libera, Jr.	Palmer	Marie E. Riley	Monson
18	Michael J. Coache	Palmer	Judith A. Hogan	Palmer
24	Michael F. Corcoran	Springfield	Paula M. Midura	Palmer
25	Stacy J. Carpenter	Chicopee	Joyce E. Sullivan	Palmer
25	Franco A. Giordano	W. Springfield	Mary E. Cleveland	Palmer
APRIL				
5	Michael A. Gibeau	Palmer	Donna A. LaRiviere	Palmer
7	Vincent J. Osterman	Palmer	Cheryl A. Taylor	Palmer
8	James R. Auclair	Palmer	Cheryl A. Fleming	Palmer
8	Gerald D. Brodeur	Springfield	Judith O. Pratt	Palmer
8	William D. Hutchinson	Belchertown	Marcia A. Maillet	Palmer
15	Roger G. Fortune, Jr.	Palmer	Ann M. Lee	Palmer
15	Mark D. Shea	Palmer	Cheryl A. Comeau	Monson
22	Samuel E. Swain II	Palmer	Vickie A. Jackson	Spencer
29	Ernest W. Hermanson, Jr.	Monson	Jeannette E. Evans	Palmer
MAY				
5	Wilfred R. Lemieux	Palmer	Karen M. Gravel	Palmer
6	Stanley F. Banford	Palmer	Lucy J. Beeman	Palmer
6	Alan M. Laroche	Palmer	Dana D. Goode	Palmer
7	Robert J. McKenna	Lincoln, R.I.	Denise M. Berthiaume	Central Fall, R.I.
9	Sanford H. Smith	Monson	Helen E. Fillmore	Monson
12	Donald P. Smith	Palmer	Cynthia A. St.Amant	Palmer
13	Arthur D. Lange	New London, Conn.	Lori A. Dean	Palmer
13	Martin R. Saylor	Warren	Eunice C. Cantwell	Warren
19	Robert P. Desautels	Ludlow	Donna M. Watson	Ludlow
19	Daniel E. Goodhind	Palmer	Deborah L. Olson	Chicopee
19	Richard L. McDonald, Jr.	Palmer	Deborah A. O'Malley	Palmer
20	Roger R. Coache	Springfield	Wendy A. Naylor	Palmer
20	Bruce N. French	Palmer	Gail M. Pasteris	Palmer
20	Henry L. Rigali	Palmer	Mary A. Kingham	Palmer

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
20	Joseph T. Wilkinson	Palmer	Susan M. Geer	Palmer
20	William M. Ziobrowski	Palmer	Lillian A. Zglobicki	Palmer
26	Roger R. Jalbert	Palmer	Helena A. Motyka	Palmer
27	Eugene W. Glabicky	Palmer	Beverly A. Noga	Palmer
27	Stephen M. Kerr	Pittsfield	Cheryl A. Paquin	Palmer
27	Leo B. Lefebvre	Palmer	Elizabeth I. Rooney	Palmer
28	Jeffrey W. Bradway	Holland	Judith M. Smith	Holland

#### JUNE

1	William B. McMahon	Palmer	Cathy L. Marcy	Palmer
3	James B. Esterbrook	Palmer	Christine Regan	Palmer
3	Clayton J. Lizak	Palmer	Diana J. Hess	Belchertown
3	Alan D. O'Connell, Jr.	Holyoke	Mary C. McGrath	Palmer
3	Matthew J. Oechsli	Greensboro, N.C.	Sandra L. Naglack	Palmer
3	Grant E. Strange	Belchertown	Lillian S. Ridz	Palmer
9	Robert G. Lemoine	Palmer	Marie E. Elkins	Palmer
10	Paul R. Dansereau	Palmer	Loretta M. Repsys	Palmer
10	Theodore E. Papillon	Belchertown	Edna C. Gilliam	Belchertown
10	Thomas R. Shea	Palmer	Constance F. Misiaszek	Palmer
17	Guy P. Beaulieu	Monson	Patricia Desmond	Palmer
17	Raymond A. Johnson	Palmer	Deborah J. Vanlderstine	Palmer
17	David J. Knight, Jr.	Palmer	Sherry L. Burton	Palmer
17	Joseph E. Majocha	Ware	Genevieve V. Dziedzic	Palmer
17	Terry A. Papesh	Holland	Christine A. Reim	Palmer
17	Gary P. Skaza	Palmer	Pamela A. O'Connor	Palmer
17	Steven C. Walske	Potomac, Md.	Janina A. Longtine	Palmer
23	John J. Doolin	W. Springfield	Bethany A. Landry	Palmer
24	Michael W. Leduc	Palmer	Christine L. Holt	Belchertown
24	John D. Murphy	Palmer	Retha A. Smart	Palmer
24	Vincent Palmisano	Palmer	Kathleen S. McDonald	Palmer
24	William M. Santucci	Palmer	Debra L. Rose	Palmer
24	Terence J. Welsh	Springfield	Maria A. Kulpa	Palmer
25	Stephen P. Windyka	Ware	Cynthia J. Noga	Palmer
29	Ralph H. Fredette	Palmer	Kathleen M. Currie	Palmer
30	Edwin A. Hermanson	Monson	Tina M. Malzenski	Palmer

#### JULY

1	John A. Benoit, Sr.	Palmer	Irene A. Boudreau	Palmer
1	John D. DeForge	Ware	Janet Patrissi	Ware
1	John W. Leonard	Belchertown	Ellen M. Laviolette	Palmer
1	Donald R. Spink, Jr.	Palmer	Linda M. St.Amant	Palmer
1	Brian E. Uracius	Greenfield	Pamela D. Wood	Palmer
8	Daniel R. Hanscom	Palmer	Susan E. Stachelek	Palmer
8	Rodney A. Shorette	Monson	Linda W. Hooton	Monson
15	Michael J. Jasikiewicz	Hardwick	Janice M. Aiken	Warren
15	Anthony P. Manuel	Ludlow	Shirley A. Baldyga	Palmer
15	Daniel P. O'Connor	Palmer	Deborah J. Conant	Palmer
15	Warren R. Thompson	Palmer	Ingrid R. Christiansen	Palmer
20	Frank J. Zabawa, Jr.	Palmer	Elaine I. Gurka	Palmer
21	John J. Mancini	Palmer	Joan M. DelGreco	Palmer
28	Chester W. Kurr	Palmer	Diane M. Jackanowski	Palmer
29	Rene A. Caplette	Palmer	Marjorie J. Knapp	Palmer
29	Raymond L. Gauthier	Palmer	Donna C. Ellithorpe	Palmer
29	Gary M. Simeone	Barre	Susan M. Skaza	Palmer
29	Thomas P. Valley	Palmer	Catherine J. Ziemba	Springfield
29	Everett L. Walker, Jr.	Palmer	Maureen J. Korzec	Palmer

#### AUGUST

1	Everett E. Marshall, Jr.	Palmer	Alyce E. Marshall	Palmer
5	Edward A. Toelken	Palmer	Karen J. Morrison	Palmer
5	Frederick C. Usher	Palmer	Judith M. Schoonover	Palmer
5	David E. Whitney	Palmer	Judith M. Snape	Amherst
11	Keith Bormann	Warren	Judith Petro	Warren
18	James A. Casagrande	Ludlow	Anna May Santucci	Palmer
19	Mark A. Kielbasa	Ludlow	Kerry Ann O'Connor	Palmer

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
AUGUST (cont'd.)				
19	Michael W. Lech	Palmer	Diane M. Messier	Spencer
19	Paul R. Mayuski	Springfield	Linda J. Szafran	Springfield
19	David P. McQuaid	Framingham	Luise A. Dec	Framingham
19	Bryan L. Royea	Palmer	Catherine A. Moskal	Palmer
25	Martin F. Maloney, Jr.	Palmer	Crystal A. Wilson	Olympia, Wash.
25	Richard P. Roman	Palmer	Janet E. Ryan	Palmer
26	Mark C. Abare	Palmer	Debra E. Gallagher	Ware
26	Carlos L. Barton	Hampton, Conn.	Hope B. Belitsos	Palmer
26	Brian P. Brown	Palmer	Maureen D. Sparrow	Palmer
26	Clarone Cardinal	Palmer	Doris B. Labrie	Palmer
26	David G. DuComb	Palmer	Phyllis D. Dyl	Palmer
26	James R. Phaneuf	Palmer	Kathryn A. Croteau	Fitchburg
26	Paul D. Robak	Palmer	Olivia S. Lapira	Ft. Walton, Fla.
27	Edward J. Boron	Palmer	Carolyn J. Enders	Holyoke

#### SEPTEMBER

1	Donald A. Loglisci	Monson	Mary A. Gray	Monson
1	David W. Widger	Palmer	Elizabeth E. French	Palmer
8	Mark L. Eilenfeldt	Palmer	Patricia S. Wakenell	Palmer
9	Michael G. Pietrowski	Palmer	Diana L. Austin	Palmer
9	David D. Reim	Palmer	Catherine M. Piechota	Palmer
10	Thomas J. Dillman	Canton, Ohio	Catherine P. Cunningham	Ware
10	Benjamin R. Romano	Palmer	Teresa L. Osborne	Wilbraham
10	Craig J. Weinstein	W. Hartford, Conn.	Paula M. Holbrook	Palmer
16	Alphonse Cardinale	Springfield	Pearl S. Dupras	Palmer
16	Allen E. Day	Palmer	Opal M. Woodman	Palmer
16	Brian D. Nevue	Palmer	Agnes D. McCann	Palmer
23	Robert P. Bishop	Palmer	Laura A. Irwin	Northampton
23	Thomas D. Losaw	Palmer	Alice E. Bernard	Palmer
23	Anthony A. Purda	Palmer	Patricia A. Zajac	Palmer
23	Keith A. Vieu	Palmer	Tina M. Lastowski	Granby
23	Mark A. Wegiel	Palmer	Cindy S. Grummell	Palmer
24	Robert W. Slozak	Westfield	Linda L. Skidmore	Springfield
29	Richard E. Pardo	Palmer	Lynn E. Jeffrey	Palmer
29	Joseph D. Philibotte, Sr.	Palmer	Patricia A. Bernat	Palmer

#### OCTOBER

7	Terrence C. Korzec	Palmer	Karen R. Zglobicki	Belchertown
7	Stephen P. Slozak	Monson	Michelle A. LeBlanc	Monson
8	Alan N. Tocman	Winthrop	Nancy A. Potts	Winthrop
8	Peter J. Wojtowicz	Palmer	Paulette M. Dansereau	Ware
10	Robert J. Florek	Palmer	Debra M. Maynard	Palmer
13	David E. Haskell	Palmer	Linda A. Martell	Palmer
14	Mark S. Gouvin	Palmer	Lisa M. Christman	Palmer
14	Don E. Gryszowka	Palmer	Karen A. Papineau	Palmer
21	Michael A. Biron	Palmer	Mary E. Gilman	Palmer
21	Kenneth R. Crimmins	Springfield	Susan A. Rovelli	Palmer
21	Mark T. Denning	Palmer	Shirley M. Geckler	Palmer
21	Richard V. Dulude, Jr.	Belchertown	Lucinda M. Jackson	Belchertown
21	Randolph J. Jasak	Palmer	Denise L. Forni	Monson
22	Albert W. Wood	Palmer	Lynda A. Legge	Palmer
27	Russell V. Jenkins	Palmer	Carol A. Varney	Palmer
27	Richard E. Pisarski	Ware	Debra H. Sampson	Palmer
28	David M. Walulak	Palmer	Ann M. Faulkner	Monson

#### NOVEMBER

11	Rene Dupras, Jr.	Palmer	Annmarie Grietryka	Palmer
25	Randy E. Schofield	Palmer	Charlann Storey	Palmer
25	David J. Stabile	W. Springfield	Janet S. James	W. Springfield

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
DECEMBER				
1	Craig D. Johnson	W. Simsbury, Conn.	Kathleen A. Mack	Palmer
2	G. Roger Cote	Ware	Olivette Boucher	Ware
2	Wilfred J. Poirier	Brookfield	Ruth A. Jordan	Palmer
9	David A. Cambo	Palmer	Arlene L. Eagen	Palmer
9	Mark D. Heck	Wales	Diane L. Henry	Wales
9	Albert H. Laviolette	Palmer	Deborah R. Harper	Palmer
9	Robert L. Richardson	Monson	Pamela Pfeffer	Palmer
16	Peter A. Balicki	Palmer	Christina M. Maliszewski	Ware
23	John F. Conner	Palmer	Aileen B. Brown	Belchertown
23	Walter P. Grummell	Palmer	Sheila F. Duquette	Palmer
23	William A. Shover	Ware	Deborah J. Boudreau	Ware
24	Roger W. Barnes, Jr.	Springfield	Patricia A. Elliott	Springfield
30	Robert G. Gullage	Palmer	Donna D. Weatherbee	Palmer

## DEATHS 1978

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
JANUARY				
2	Catherine Anair	85	4	12
3	Joseph P. Wells	78	4	24
4	Nellie Kawalec	49	6	29
5	John J. Cichon	55	7	19
6	Edward A. Bachand	65	3	25
8	Agatha V. Schneiderhan aka Snyder	83	10	4
10	Marjorie R. Albertini	49	—	—
14	Charles J. Kenyon, Jr.	52	3	20
15	Henry L. Czajka	60	8	27
15	Wesley B. Shand	76	9	10
19	Helen L. Teece	61	11	5
20	Christopher G. Murray	17	2	29
21	Marion L. Dacey	64	4	4
21	Eleanor I. Dearden	57	8	11
21	John C. Dupre, Jr.	45	—	29
23	Margaret E. Nagle	88	—	—
23	Raymond H. Phaneuf	82	10	26
23	Allen Piscitelli	72	5	10
26	Maude T. McBride	94	4	1
28	Walter Lengowski	69	10	12
28	Walter J. Phaneuf	84	11	15
30	Exilda Lavigne	84	—	28
30	John C. Ouhl	54	2	—
31	Helen T. Lynch	62	6	14
21	Mirl E. Branford	84	6	20
FEBRUARY				
1	James J. Doyle	62	—	18
1	Ruth Friedmann	83	10	14
4	Victor Trabulski	55	5	10
5	Julia K. Midura	93	9	13
5	Joseph M. Naccin	63	1	12
6	Joseph J. Karcz	54	4	22
7	Charles Desrosiers	84	1	29
9	Mary E. Crimmins	65	1	22
10	Albert J. Legere	90	10	30
15	Stanley J. Kosmider	71	4	4
15	Yvonne Theberg	52	8	11
21	Louis J. Pereira, Jr.	63	4	19



Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
MARCH				
2	Charles R. Zerbe .....	71	10	5
5	Frances Lavin .....	56	8	14
10	Elizabeth Mede .....	86	—	—
11	Harry Castledine .....	85	8	3
12	Emma B. Brown .....	86	4	3
16	John K. MacKenzie Sr. ....	84	11	26
16	Lorraine M. Sweet .....	53	10	4
17	John A. Garceau .....	33	8	13
20	Bolek J. Kulig .....	63	3	1
21	George J. Harrington .....	81	—	29
21	Ethel A. Payson .....	85	8	22
APRIL				
1	Otis E. Dustin .....	95	2	9
1	Vemba B. Nacsin .....	55	7	17
1	John Rusby .....	81	2	27
3	Amelia Grabowski .....	60	3	14
4	John L. Enwright .....	73	10	9
5	Wilbur S. O'Neill .....	59	3	19
10	Donald H. Cavanaugh .....	52	—	25
14	Sarah A. Quinn .....	81	9	7
19	Lillian R. Lunquist .....	67	5	2
19	Margaret M. Pippy .....	99	6	17
20	Marjorie A. Baldyga .....	47	4	25
22	Edward Kearney .....	84	5	21
24	Claire Maillet .....	46	7	29
24	Augustus A. Raymond .....	95	6	9
24	Kenneth G. Taylor .....	68	5	28
27	Marvin S. Miller .....	67	—	8
28	Norman A. Rice .....	86	4	12
29	Frank W. Newton .....	64	—	18
MAY				
6	Lucien V. Flamand .....	78	5	27
7	John J. Jarosz .....	54	8	14
9	Jadwiga Latos .....	83	11	2
9	Mary Wielkiewicz .....	86	6	4
10	Stanley W. Kos .....	66	8	1
11	Michael F. Carey .....	75	3	15
16	William Wysmutek .....	65	10	7
17	Joseph F. Roccisano .....	39	—	—
27	Joseph Folcarelli .....	41	1	4
27	Alan D. Hall .....	24	1	22
27	Bridget Kapinos .....	71	3	27
JUNE				
3	Norma Nolan .....	55	10	6
7	Stephen Maziarz .....	66	4	6
11	Muriel M. Rice .....	57	2	12
12	Ellsworth A. Buchman .....	54	6	19
13	Anna G. Wood .....	76	4	7
22	Gladys Sherris .....	64	2	12
25	Anita M. Benoit .....	21	9	1
27	Edward C. Sullivan .....	76	4	25
29	Theresa M. Spratt .....	90	3	14
JULY				
2	Bartolomeo Pasteris .....	84	7	17
6	Stewart Blair .....	86	9	12
6	Joseph M. Piatek .....	64	1	5
8	Walter J. Janosz .....	61	—	11
12	Baldwina M. Bobowiec .....	88	3	—
12	Henry J. Bolduc .....	52	5	13
12	Rene W. Goddu .....	52	3	10
14	Rufus P. Bacon .....	91	5	2
15	Matthew C. Turner .....	60	4	3

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
17	Alice Doyle .....	66	—	—
19	Rodney Noble .....	17	9	8
24	John S. Boryczka .....	57	2	20
AUGUST				
3	Edward H. Pfeffer .....	66	10	14
4	Gerald J. Shields, Sr. ....	47	—	—
10	John Craig .....	7	6	13
11	Margaret Montgomery .....	54	5	13
13	Bernard F. Cassidy .....	81	—	—
13	Chester J. Lemanski .....	50	7	29
18	Herbert Magoon .....	63	9	6
22	Edith K. Lindau .....	93	4	20
23	Paul J. Naccin .....	60	9	12
25	Richard E. Gilmartin .....	34	6	21
30	Leo J. Guimond .....	53	2	14
SEPTEMBER				
2	William C. Cray .....	82	6	4
2	Henry H. Pease .....	81	2	12
4	Isabelle Coffman .....	97	3	25
4	Frank J. Kane .....	71	—	—
5	Josephine E. Sullivan .....	91	9	22
6	Chester W. Morris .....	67	10	17
8	Arthur W. Stearns, Jr. ....	19	2	21
9	Rose V. Firth .....	62	3	15
9	Lillian V. Lamb .....	80	6	16
15	John B. Trombly .....	92	5	21
16	Ella M. Chase .....	97	4	6
18	Harvey P. Barber .....	77	7	25
21	Edwin F. Fenton .....	79	9	13
23	Mary J. Foisy .....	67	11	23
24	Martin Quinn .....	79	2	9
25	Stuart L. Holbrook .....	71	9	25
27	Arthur A. Fleury .....	72	7	27
30	Apolonia Kos .....	85	10	11
OCTOBER				
2	Rosco F. Smithies .....	72	7	17
4	Harold E. Wheeler .....	49	5	8
9	Walter B. Mansfield .....	80	11	26
12	Mary M. Janusz .....	88	1	27
13	Albert P.L. Elderedge .....	74	7	16
13	John R. Eurkus .....	57	4	9
14	Bernice E. Niemiec .....	62	7	26
14	Ann E. Topor .....	67	3	6
17	William E. Hallez .....	78	—	7
NOVEMBER				
1	Dwight A. Peck .....	56	2	7
2	Bertha A. Birchenough .....	65	5	11
3	Walter F. Johnson .....	74	9	4
3	Joanne Rudek .....	55	7	4
4	Walter J. Carr .....	62	5	11
5	Lawrence F. Donovan .....	76	—	—
5	Josephine Wielgus .....	78	—	6
8	Rosalie Zisk .....	86	4	24
9	Charles H. Hinchey .....	74	5	17
10	Caroline Pasteris .....	81	—	—
12	Charles A. Taylor .....	46	3	8
17	Wladyslawa V. Siok .....	90	6	9
18	Maude O. Fossett .....	92	5	3
24	Ellen E. Lucas .....	76	5	21
24	Daniel B. Wesson .....	62	7	2
25	Orise A. Dupuis .....	77	2	29

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
DECEMBER				
5	Joseph Handzel .....	66	10	8
6	Edythe Rancin .....	80	9	18
9	Earl F. Hale .....	62	2	23
9	Franciszka P. Marciniak .....	91	—	21
10	Frank J. Blakeborough .....	89	7	19
10	Stanley E. Chlebus .....	68	7	9
11	Marion A. Carter .....	59	6	29
14	Alexander M. Cochrane .....	77	8	13
15	Isodore Lieberman .....	70	5	28
16	Frank J. Pietryka .....	62	2	7
22	Mary A. Witkoski .....	94	—	14
23	Michael J. Zglobicki .....	58	10	1
26	Hannah G. Walker .....	97	—	7

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1978 is submitted as follows:

On January 31, 1978 Chief Henry S. Janasiewicz retired as head of the Plamer Police Department. Appointed as patrolman in 1948, promoted to sergeant in 1961, and as Chief in 1976, he gave the Town of Plamer thirty years of dedicated service.

Officer John Janulewicz was appointed as Class "C" patrolman in the department effective August 8, 1978; Sergeant Howard Case was appointed to the permanent position of Sergeant effective October 31, 1978.

Officers Vincent Barone and John Janulewicz, Jr. graduated from the Springfield Police Academy after twelve weeks attendance. Sgt. Howard Case, Officer Sidney Clark, and Officer Roger Jalbert have been qualified in the use of the breathalyzer. All full time and intermittent police officers attended First Responder and CRP courses and were awarded certificates.

Officer Robert Couture has been transferred onto days to provide the community with additional patrol coverage. Paul Graveline was appointed as civilian dispatcher under the CETA program.

A total of \$3,167.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for Pistol Permits, Firearms Identification Cards, and from monies received from accident reports forwarded to insurance companies.

Our patrol cruisers covered 403,576 miles; there were 257 accidents investigated. There were 154 property damage accidents, 101 personal injury accidents with 142 persons injured, and 2 highway deaths reported.

A total of 838 complaints against 518 defendants were issued; there were 476 male and 42 female defendants; 88 juvenile complaints were issued. 240 persons were detained under protective custody. There were 84 persons enrolled in Driver's School as a result of arrest for operating under the influence of alcohol; 21 persons were enrolled in Defensive Driving School.

The electronic alarm system within the Police Station has been revamped and centralized in an attempt to update and condense the old alarm system.

The Department has obtained through the Governor's Highway Safety Program a movie projector, screen, and films. The total value of these items is in excess of \$3,000.00 which was awarded through a grant to the town.



I wish to thank the Honorable Board, the Townspeople, and Police Department associates for the cooperation given me in the past eleven months as Acting Chief of Police.

Sincerely,

Harold L. Olson  
Acting Chief of Police

## LIST OF OFFENSES PROSECUTED IN PALMER IN 1978

### Crimes Against Persons:

Assault and Battery .....	30
Assault on Police Officer .....	1
Assault with dangerous weapon .....	17
Attempt to Murder .....	2
Extortion .....	1
Kidnapping .....	2
Robbery while armed .....	5
Threats and Intimidation .....	<u>1</u>

Total .....59

### Crimes Against Property:

Arson .....	1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny .....	25
Breaking Glass .....	1
Forgery .....	1
Larceny and Attempt .....	49
Malicious Mischief .....	24
Receiving Stolen Goods .....	2
Stealing in a Building .....	3
Trespassing .....	11
Using Motor Vehicle without Authority .....	<u>24</u>

Total .....141

### Crimes Against Public Order:

By-Laws and Ordinances .....	6
Common Nightwalker .....	1
Contributing to Delinquency .....	1
Disorderly Conduct .....	16
Disturbing School Assembly .....	3
Driving to Endanger .....	28
Driving under Influence of Liquor .....	84
Dumping Rubbish on Highway .....	3
False Fire Alarm .....	1
Fish and Game Laws .....	2
Fornication .....	4
Gaming .....	2
Illegitimacy .....	1
Immoral Entertainment .....	4

Prostitution .....	2
Public Exhibition without a Permit .....	2
Lewdness .....	1
Liquor Laws .....	11
Motor Vehicle Laws .....	419
Narcotics and Drugs .....	30
No Firearm I.D. Card .....	4
Non-Support .....	2
Peddling without a License .....	1
Runaway .....	1
Throwing Glass on Highway .....	1
Unstamped Cigarettes .....	1
Weapons Carrying .....	2
Willful Cutting Timber .....	2
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>638</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>838</b>

DISPOSITONS: Fined 326; Filed 12; House of Correction Suspended 29; Probation 271; Committed House of Correction 21; Bound over to Grand Jury 23; Dismissed 90; Pending 66.

Parking Tickets Issued .....	245
Speeding Warnings on Radar: .....	512

### REPORT OF PALMER AUXILIARY POLICE ASSOCIATION

As President of the Palmer Auxiliary Police Association, I wish to report that the unit performed in a highly satisfactory manner for the year 1978.

The Auxiliary assisted in the various community functions they were assigned to and also assisted the Regular Dept. in patrols and other duties mandated to them.

I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Ret. Acting Chief Henry S. Janasiewicz, and the present Acting Chief, Harold Olson and the members of the Palmer Police Dept. for their assistance and cooperation rendered to us in the past year.

I wish to thank all the members of the Palmer Auxiliary Police Association for a job well done and for the cooperation they have shown me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Raymond F. Labonte, Sr.  
President

## **REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

I herewith submit my report as Forest Fire Warden of the Town of Plamer for the year 1978.

This department responded to a total of 29 calls during the year.

12 for Forest Fires and brush in Plamer Fire District.

17 for Forest Fires and brush.

The Palmer Fire Department responded to four calls in the Township of Palmer not covered by other Fire Districts.

In January of 1978 the Town of Palmer received its new Forest Fire truck which has met all of our expectations.

The new truck has been used extensively on Out of District calls which has enabled us to cut the budget substantially.

At this time I would like to thank all neighboring Chiefs and men of the other Fire Departments that helped us during the year.

I also wish to thank your Honorable Board and the Palmer Police Department for the cooperation and help received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gus A. Theodore  
Forest Fire Warden

## **REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER**

For the calendar year ending December 31, 1978, I have traveled 5,635 miles regarding complaints in which 119 dogs were picked up. Of these 119 picked up 26 were released to owners, 59 were put to sleep by Dr. Harvey at \$10.00 each, 3 put to sleep by the Dog Office, 16 killed by automobiles and 15 strays were given away.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick J. Guzik, Jr.  
DOG OFFICER

## REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

Following is the Park Commissioners report for the twelve month fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978 and ending June 30, 1979.

Regular meetings of the Park Commission are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Administration Building.

In September of 1978, a new F-350 Crew-Cab Pick-up Truck was purchased from, low bidder, Dave Russell Ford. New C.B. radios were installed in all Park Department vehicles.

Three more regulation horseshoe courts were constructed at New Burleigh Park bringing the total to six, thus making this an attractive site for local horseshoe tournaments.

Rewiring of the Legion Field garage was installed to allow for larger service to handle the concession stand and press box.

One light was contributed by the Park Department for the lighting of the field at Water Street. This field is used by the Palmer High School and Palmer Cowboys football teams for practice sessions. Also an area was cleared of brush and some trees to allow construction of a new football field at Water Street.

The tennis courts at Palmer were repaired by installing some 700 feet of pipe around the bottom of the fence making it safer for those playing on the courts and also restricting the tennis balls and hockey pucks from going under the fence.

Thorndike and Bondsville courts were resealed.

New Burleigh Park's baseball diamonds were returfed in the late summer as well as certain areas of Legion Field.

The replacement of the rotted wooden planks with new aluminum ones, for the portable bleachers, was completed.

However, the permanent bleachers at Legion Field are in drastic need of repair. As suggested by the Park Superintendent either aluminum flooring or more durable precast concrete planks should replace the present deteriorating wooden planks, to provide safer spectator facilities.

The town still lacks adequate facilities at New Burleigh Park to accommodate the increasing number of people using the park. With some 300 children or more during the summer camp plus others that use the facility for local events and outings, the water system is inadequate. Toilets are constantly running out of water pressure causing a blockage of the toilets which in turn causes unsanitary conditions. This problem is an added expense to the town because each time this problem arises a plumber has to be



called to correct the situation. Similar troubles occur with the swimming pool and bubblers.

Due to a snow storm the day before the annual Thanksgiving Day football game at Legion Field both the Three Rivers and Palmer Fire Departments contributed their forest fire trucks and assistance in spraying Legion Field with water to remove the snow. With the use of the Fire Departments apparatus the Park Department employees were able to have the field in fine shape for the game.

Because of unseasonable temperatures this winter, it was impossible to retain a good layer of ice on all skating rinks. However, whenever possible, the rinks were available for skating.

Vandalism has increased this year at most parks. Police and the public have cooperated greatly in trying to curb such action.

We would like to thank Mr. John Dyl, Director of the summer recreation program at New Burleigh Park and his staff for their cooperation with the Park Department. Excellent supervision of the children attending the program resulted in minimal maintenance costs.

When you have your cookouts at New Burleigh Park this spring and summer, you can thank Palmer High School Industrial Arts Instructor, Ed Libera, his assistants Dennis Swierad, Russell Webb and 50 of their students for the fine shape much of the park is in. Every year for the past eight years, the Industrial Arts Department in conjunction with the Park Department has participated in many projects to improve and up-grade the facilities at the park.

As part of the program this past May the students spent two weeks making repairs and other improvements in the park area including the construction of fences, walkways and a bridge. In addition, they transplanted trees, built signs, thinned the forest, cleaned the underbrush and further improved the miniature golf course they built last year.

The citizens of the town that use New Burleigh Park should very well be proud of the students from the Industrial Arts Department of Palmer High School.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to the children and adults for their cooperation and consideration while using the park facilities, to Oliver Beauregard, Highway Superintendent, James Ammann, Water Department Superintendent, and Fire Chief Gus Theodore for thier assistance in helping to complete many of our park projects. To the Three Rivers Fire Department for their help in clearing off snow on Legion Field for the Thanksgiving Day football game, to Police Chief Harold Olsen, his officers and members of the Police Auxiliary for their vigilance of park property, to individuals of other Town Departments, to Park Superintendent

Mike Russo and his staff and to The Honorable Board of Selectmen for their help and guidance whenever needed.

Respectfully submitted,

David Johnson, Chairman  
James Duke, Secretary  
William Cole  
Robert DeMaio  
Walter Pluta

### **PALMER RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Once again, the past year showed an overall increase in the attendance of our summer program. If this trend continues, additional programs and activities should be offered in order to meet the recreational needs of the children of our community.

This year, our program offered opportunities for children to participate in such activities as archery, pillow polo, softball, basketball, arts and crafts, pellet rifle practice, roller skating, swimming, hiking, and many other organized games. The program was instructional, as well as recreational, in nature. All participants were encouraged to take advantage of our offerings.

The regular hours at Burleigh Park were from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — weather permitting. All formal activities began on Monday, June 26, and closed on Wednesday, August 16, 1978. The swimming pools at Eager Playground and Burleigh Park remained open until Labor Day.

The Red Cross Instructional Program was conducted at Forest Lake as a direct result of the generosity of Mr. Roland D'Amato, operator of the resort. Water safety instructors Martha Laurion and Paul Golas directed and supervised this phase of our program. All the children that took an active part in the program received instruction in the various phases of survival swimming and rescue techniques. If this program is to flourish, the Town must give serious consideration to the availability of waterfront property for our use. As you probably know, the Town of Palmer does not have any property suitable for water safety instruction. We feel that such property would greatly benefit all our citizens; therefore, we strongly urge all concerned parties to assist in meeting this important objective.

This past year, we have worked very hard to provide our youngsters with a well-balanced and organized summer program. However, we have not stopped here. The Recreation Committee is continuing to research and investigate many new and varied proposals for residents of all ages. But in order to improve existing programs and expand into different areas, we need your continued support.

In closing, we would like to express our gratitude to all the people that made our programs so successful. With this type of cooperation, we are sure that many positive things can be accomplished in the future. A special thanks must be extended to the fine Park Department staff, under the direction of Michael Russo. A great deal of our success must be credited to the dedication and concern of this valuable group.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Frydryk  
Chairman

The Palmer Recreation Committee:  
Marion Koslik, Secretary  
Sandra Reep  
Gerald Aliengena  
Joseph Hinchey  
James T. Duke  
Charles H. Jasak  
Walter J. Majka  
Edwin J. Rehor

REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

I respectfully submit my report on the following licenses issued for the year 1978:

37 Milk Store Licenses .....	at 1.00	37.00
15 Oleomargarine Licenses .....	at 1.00	15.00
4 Vehicle Milk Licenses 5 yr.....	at 2.00	<u>8.00</u>
		60.00

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Frank J. Swiatlowski  
Milk Inspector

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of my activities as Building Inspector during the year 1978:

Permits were approved, and specifications reviewed, and construction monitored for the following type new facilities:

- a. 24 Single Family Dwellings
- b. 16 Garages-Carports and sheds
- c. 1 Non-Residential Building
- d. 15 Structures other than Buildings

Permits were approved, plans and specifications reviewed, and construction monitored for the following type additions, alterations or conversions:

- a. 14 Dwelling Units
- b. 16 Other building and structures

Permits were approved, plans and specifications reviewed for the demolition of the following:

- a. 1 Non-Residential Building
- b. 1 Residential Building

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Rollet  
Building Inspector



## REPORT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The year 1978 proved a very busy and productive year for the Palmer Redevelopment Authority in the endeavor to complete the Industrial Park. The contract to construct 4,800 feet of Railroad spur at a cost of \$161,000.00 was approved by DCA. The bonding Company approved Contrac Inc., performance bond, the contract signed with the construction to start May 1. It was also necessary to sign a contract for \$12,000.00 for the installation of a switch and 100 ft. of track with the Central Vermont R.R., connecting the Park to the main Central Vermont R.R. system. The PRA will receive \$20.00 per car until the above is repaid.

During the summer as construction of the spur progressed, an additional 300 feet of track was authorized for the sum of \$9,000.00 thus bringing rail service through Lot 13. The spur is now complete and accepted by the CV, and PRA and fully paid. Engineering cost of laying out the way, drawing the bid forms, the supervision of the job etc., amounted to \$18,267.77, bringing the full cost of the Rail Spur to about \$191,247.77.

The final past due payment of \$944.01 of the Bondsville Fire and Water District was paid, thus completing the contract for water installation in the Park.

All land damage cases have been settled and paid in full. The court decisions along with negotiated settlements were very upsetting and unrealistic, but at least are settled and are now history. The Pro-tonto awards amounted to about \$224,150.00. Additional court judgments, settlements, and interest were about \$201,972.67.

Parcel	Pro-Tonto	Additional Settlement
A	\$30,000.00	\$50,174.66
M	24,000.00	33,645.18
I	23,700.00	20,000.00
L	1,800.00	2,450.35
B	52,200.00	42,000.00
3	2,100.00	2,500.00
2	800.00	2,500.00
J	19,700.00	24,250.00
H	35,500.00	7,000.00
N	1,400.00	210.00
C	22,400.00	13,491.65
F	650.00	1,250.00
5	9,900.00	1,250.00
4		3,750.00

The PRA turned over to the Town Treasurer back taxes on the above parcels .....\$32,643.54.

In June, the PRA cooperating with the Valley Bank and Dr. Ronald Stinnett hosted an Open House and promotional campaign for surrounding Industrial Realtors. This was a very successful affair, it was an opportunity for area Industrial Realtors to see and learn important facts on the Park.

Several industries have expressed interest in locating in the Park. Two very key industries had some executives and Engineers spend considerable time here in compiling information, borings, and statistics on the Park. The interest of Industry locating in Palmer is present, the negative publicity involving the Park and Community, high interest rates, business climate have all contributed to a "Wait and See" attitude.

The PRA held several meetings with Valley Bank officials to discuss the future marketing of the Park and to enlist support in arranging a meeting with J.B. Williams. PRA Attorney Douglas Nichols was instructed to send a letter to J.B. Williams requesting a meeting and payment of the past due account of \$400,000.00 or at least one payment of \$100,000.00 on the due date of August 5, 1978.

Instead in early August the PRA received a six page letter and settlement proposal from J.B. Williams through Dr. Ronald Stinnett. The PRA discussed and rejected this proposal as unacceptable.

The PRA through the Valley Bank and Atty. Fred Pillsbury requested an urgent meeting with J.B. Williams. This Special Meeting was held September 11, at 7:00 P.M. in Palmer, the PRA and Atty. Douglas Nichols with J.B. Williams, Dr. Stinnett and Atty. Fred Pillsbury. Selectman Palmer Santucci was invited and attended as a representative of the Board of Selectmen.

Due to the nature of the discussion and possibility of Court Litigation, the meeting was held in Executive Session. Some of the areas of discussion:

1. Breach of Contract caused by delay in RR Siding.
2. Failure to Construct RR 7,100 feet instead of 5,100 feet.
3. Failure to remove Belchertown Chimney and debris.
4. Failure of J. B. Williams to honor his Contract.
5. J. B. Williams refusal to make necessary payments.

After much discussion and a review of the original option, a basic oral agreement was negotiated and agreed upon in principle but subject to favorable action at a regular PRA meeting on Sept. 14. This meeting to be open to the Public and the Board of Selectmen.

At this regular meeting the oral agreement was thoroughly discussed with all present. This new proposal to resolve the impasse between the PRA and Williams was to be subject to the urban Renewal and Covenants in the present option.

1. Payment schedule as described in present option to be maintained but moved ahead 4 years with first payment of

- \$100,000.00 to be made in 1978 — then 79 etc.
2. The three grants of \$100,000.00 to the Town of Palmer would start in 1982 — 83 etc.
  3. Williams to accept the RR Siding as laid out and as is presently.
  4. PRA would purchase Lot 16-a total of 7½ acres in settlement of Belchertown Chimney problem.
  5. Move the 200 job stipulation forward 4 years from 1980 to 1984 still subject to same conditions in present option.
  6. Eliminate the 750 job requirement in present agreement and releast the \$200,000.00 escrow account plus interest to Williams.
  7. Both parties exchange signed agreement canceling any possible litigation on the past interpretations in option agreement.

The PRA voted to accept this proposal as outlined on Monday Night, Sept. 11, 1978 and authorize both legal counsels to define and submit the final draft to both parties and to the Department of Community Affairs for final acceptance.

The PRA came in for severe criticism by the Board of Selectmen for giving consideration to this new agreement. The PRA viewed this situation in a practical light that it might be better to meditate than litigate.

1. Another cause for delay in getting industry into Park.
2. Expensive litigation could be avoided.
3. Lack of adequate money to hire qualified legal counsel.
4. Legal and technical interpretations of some of clauses and options in original option if PRA lost the suit the Town might be assessed heavy financial damages.
5. The PRA insists a guaranteed payment clause become part of any new agreement, safeguarding the community from any great financial loss over extended years.

Within one week a complete draft of the above proposal was completed and mailed to DCA for study and comment. The PRA scheduled a Boston Meeting with DCA, Dr. Stinnet and PRA. During this meeting some changes and approaches were suggested and considered. The most important stipulation by the PRA be, "That a payment guarantee had to be part of this new agreement."

At a second meeting in Boston, the same principles being involved and the suggested changes made, DCA and the PRA are satisfied and are now waiting for a decision on acceptance by J.B. Williams.

As 1978 was drawing to a close the PRA received in writing permission from Barry Endelson to enter on his property to resolve the Belchertown Chimney Situation in 1979. The PRA have already met with Belchertown Officials to discuss this problem.

We, on the PRA enter 1979, hopeful, that the negative criticism of our efforts to serve our community diligently is past, and assure the people of Palmer that efforts and decisions will continue to be for the benefit of the community.

Neil M. McDonald, Chairman  
John D. O'Brien, Vice Chairman  
Mary C. Krawiec, Secretary  
Thomas W. Haley, Treasurer  
Leonard J. Sabourin, Asst. Treas.

### HOUSING AUTHORITY

Laurel Manor, the housing project for low income elderly, situated on Fletcher Street, will have been in operation eight years in February of 1979. The 48 apartments are now occupied by 48 single people, 45 women and 3 men.

Several of the residents have become partially incapacitated during the past year and we are now receiving assistance with laundry, meals, housekeeping and health care, the services being funded by the State-funded home-makers program, and the Federally-funded health aid program. This State housing, coupled with these supportive services, makes for a comfortable existence for people who meet the low income standards. Security and comfort remove many of the concerns for the Elderly, and provide for happiness and well being, which is constantly evident among the residents of Laurel Manor.

The project consists of five well constructed buildings, which are maintained and managed by a five-person board, known as the Palmer Housing Authority. Each resident pays rent computed at twenty-five per cent of his or her annual net income, and the rental income is used to heat, light and maintain the project.

The annual state audit completed in March of 1978 showed the project to be in a healthy financial condition, and well managed.

Respectfully submitted,

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

Myrtle F. Davis, Chairwoman  
Rev. Guy M. Judkins, Vice Chairman  
Aloysius J. Tyburski, Treasurer  
William J. Lemanski, Asst. Treasurer  
Richard E. Fontaine



## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Conservation Commission hereby submits its Annual Report for the year 1978.

The Commission has held ten regular meetings on the third Monday of each month excepting July and August.

The Commission has held two hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act and after due consideration has issued Orders of Conditions. Members have made twelve field trips to investigate problems.

Members have attended educational conferences as follows: The Massachusetts Conservation Commissions Conferences at Holy Cross College in March and at the University of Massachusetts in October; two Hampden County Conservation Commission Seminars on Flood Insurance and on Ways County Commissions Can Help Each Other Through the Exchange of Information. Mrs. Golas attended a workshop at the University of Massachusetts on #208, Water Pollution Control.

Our April Meeting was held with Members of the Planning Board, Board of Health, and the Assessors, so that we might hear Mr. Charles Douchy of the Dept. of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service explain Maps which the Service has drawn up to depict Palmer's land uses and vegetation. These Maps showed agricultural lands, Wetlands, forest lands, and urban areas. After explaining what services his office could provide for us, Mr. Douchy left us with a copy of the Maps which we now have on file.

Members joined members of the Planning Board in attending a Public Hearing on Town Gravel and Loam By-Laws and later met with State Inspectors from the Soil Conservation Service to visit Sand & Gravel Banks.

The commission has been considering purchasing a parcel of land for Conservation purposes.

The Commission has continued its association with the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and renewed its membership in the Hampden County Association of Conservation Commissions and the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret P. Ziegler, Secretary  
David E. Johnson, Chairman  
Jane E. Golas, Vice Chairman  
Harry W. Johnson  
Andrew Roman  
Richard D. Stred  
William M. Wadas

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The year 1978 was marked by many changes. The most important being the adoption, at a Special Town Meeting March 13, 1978, of the Acts of 1975, and specifically Chapter 808, which created a new Chapter 40A. This is "The Zoning Act" and is the first rewriting of Chapter 40A in many years. Some of the changes will be beneficial to Palmer.

The Zoning Act mandates a "Special Permit Granting Authority," in this case the Planning Board; which after a public hearing may grant the permit. The official town map became "The Zoning Map of Palmer".

A new by-law for the regulation of outdoor signs was also approved by the voters.

A new building inspector was appointed and is responsible for the enforcement of these by-laws.

Until this time the board issued the following—

Building Permits . . . . . 13	Amounting to . . . . . \$170.00
Gravel Permits . . . . . 11	Amounting to . . . . . <u>555.00</u>

Turned over to the Treasurer . . . . . \$725.00

Atty. Walter Topor was elected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mrs. Deborah C. Pelletier.

The Planning Board continues to change and retine its by-laws as needed; always with the betterment and future of Palmer in mind. We also would like to thank the citizens of Palmer for past and continued understanding and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Graveline, Chairman  
Joseph Slowick, Vice Chairman  
Daniel V. Fogarty, Clerk  
Doris Nahabedian  
Walter Topor

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Cemetery Commissioners met regularly during the year on the third Monday of the month, except July and August, at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Administration Building.

The four cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners: Oak Knoll, Four Corners, Palmer Center, and Old Three Rivers, were maintained and improved to the fullest possible extent allowed by available funds.

Continuing incidents of vandalism during the year consumed time and funds which otherwise might have been utilized for further improvement and beautification of our cemeteries.

We acknowledge with sincere appreciation the cooperation and help when requested of the Park Department, Highway Department, Police Department and the Personnel Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter L. Chase, Chm.  
Robert E. Geer  
Ernest G. Hiersche, Jr.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

This board acted on four petitions for variances during the course of the year 1978. All four variances were granted.

Income generated by this board was \$140.00

Board of Appeals

Joseph Topor, Jr., Chairman  
Joseph Marhelewicz, Vice Chairman  
Mitchell Dobek, Clerk  
Gordon Dean  
Dr. William Riley  
Floyd Romanik  
Dr. Charles A. Labuz

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of License Commissioners issued the following licenses during the year of 1978:

### All Alcoholic Annual Seasonal

Inn Holders .....	3	0
Retail Package .....	4	1
Clubs .....	5	1
Druggist .....	4	0
Restaurants .....	11	2

### Malt Beverage & Wine

Retail Package .....	4	0
Restaurants .....	2	0
Common Victuallers.....	50	0
I.D. Cards.....	5	

The Board also issued 29 one-day permits for the sale of Malt Beverages and Wines and one (1) General License for a Rooming House.

This Department turned over to the Town Treasurer the total sum of \$9,651.00 for the year 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wlodyka, Chairman  
Bernard Lamery, Vice Chairman  
Milton Misiaszek, Clerk



## REPORT OF THE PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The trustees of the Palmer Public Library expected 1978 to be somewhat of a leveling off year relative to registrations, circulation and usage of the facility itself. The reasons being that the new library had completed its second full year of operation, growth had been astounding, in actuality, greater and faster than anticipated, and that possibly the novelty of a new facility had worn off. These expectations of a leveling off materializing were quickly dispelled as quarterly reports were presented and final statistics for the year were assimilated and evaluated.

A number of significant factors are indicative of just how the library circulation did grow in 1978:

1. In 1977, for the first time in its history, the library circulation reached and surpassed the milestone of 100,000. The number to be exact was 101,220. This past year, 1978, the total circulation for the library reached 116,510. This is approximately a 15% growth rate which in any business circle would be considered very substantial growth and the sign of a thriving service.

2. Registrations of new borrowers was and is still continuing at a very steady pace. Presently, we find ourselves registering approximately 100 new borrowers on a monthly basis — this on top of an already large register of 6,369 card-carrying patrons.

We as a board of trustees and a library association have indicated on numerous occasions that circulation statistics in themselves do not truly present an accurate assessment as to what is occurring in our facility. There are numerous services and programs that involve many people who are not regular borrowers and would not ever present themselves within our facility if it were not for these services. In this respect, we truly have become the resource, cultural and educational center for the entire community. This should be the goal of each and every library in the Commonwealth. Evidence of Palmer's commitment to this objective has been very visible:

1. For the first time in many years in the community, an outdoor band concert featuring Banjos and Brass was presented by the association on the lawn of the library. Presently, the trustees are making plans to present an entire series of concerts this coming summer.

2. The library subscription series has been expanded to twelve events this year. The series opened in November with a program by John and Gretchen D'Armond and will close in late May with a noted Polish classical pianist presenting a program of Chopin and Paderewski. The emphasis this year has been to present a variety of cultural programs from classical to folk music, to ethnic nights and an evening of mime.

3. The use of the community room has nearly met our objective of seeing it utilized every day and night of the week. Presently, civic groups and library programs are occupying this room on a Sunday through Saturday basis. Groups such as the Golden Agers, Jaycees, Cub Scouts, Elbow Plantation Society, etc., are using the room regularly.

4. The library has extended and expanded its services considerably to the elementary schools and students of Palmer:

a. The hours of the bookmobile have been altered to provide services to all village schools during peak school hours.

b. Classroom library visitations and subsequent instruction in research techniques have been increased.

c. Many new after-school and Saturday programs have been added this past year, including macrame, film making, crocheting, story hours, arts and crafts and film programs.

d. The gifted and talented program of the Palmer Schools in using the library facilities on a weekly basis as its base of operation and for much of its subsequent in-depth work.

5. New equipment and materials this past year in the library include a cassette duplicator that will make copies of cassette tapes quickly and inexpensively for anyone desiring to do so. Other additions to our services include educational toys that may be borrowed from or utilized within the library. We hope by the time this report is publicly presented to be offering typewriters and space for their use within the library itself.

6. The library is still continuing to receive grants through applications made by Mrs. Bentley, our fine librarian. New grants this past year include one of \$750.00 to increase and improve our law library and a \$4,120.00 grant to train tutors to work with adults unable to read and those who have English as a second language within the home. In the last year and one-half, nearly \$18,000 worth of grants have been received.

February 1979 initiated the centennial year for the Palmer Public Library. To celebrate and commemorate this event, an entire week and one-half of special events was held which included: essay, logo and book-mark contests; a no-admission presentation of Pinocchio by the Connecticut Valley Ballet; Art Shows; story hours to all our Grade 1 students by noted children's author, Jane Yolen; special presentations by mime artists, Stromberg and Cooper and the Sweet Adelines; a writing and publishing of the official history of the library and a culminating open house.

We, as a Board of Trustees and Association, using the theme of the centennial, pledge ourselves to continue on with this same fervor that our predecessors did when they opened the first storefront library 100 years ago, in our attempting to provide the best and most possible services to our community.

## Acknowledgments

The Palmer Public Library is most fortunate in many respects. It has outstanding and total support from the community and its governing bodies for its many endeavors; it has a dedicated, loyal and high-caliber staff, and has a Board of Trustees and Association that will give whatever time, energies and expertise necessary to provide extended services. To our townspeople, elected and appointed officials, civic organizations, the library staff, our association and to my fellow trustees, thank you for your support and any and all successes we have had.

Respectfully submitted.

Alphonse E. Murray, Jr.  
President  
Palmer Library Association

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Palmer Council on Aging is now in its fifth year of existence, with its present location in the Memorial Hall quarters on Central Street. The additional space made it possible to provide more projects and programs at the Center.

The IRS Mobile Unit is a first in Palmer serving the elders in their tax assistance.

The Health and Nutrition program continues to be a major concern to our elderly citizens and primary in the minds of this Council. The "Home Delivered Meals" program became a reality this year with about twenty-five elderly citizens being serviced by the Home Care Corporation of Springfield, Mass. with a noon day meal being delivered by volunteer drivers to their homes three days a week.

Nutrition programs continue daily at the Pathfinder Regional Vocational, the Palmer High School and once a week at St. Thomas Parish Center.

The health screening clinics are free and are open to everyone sixty years and over, sponsored by the Home Care Corporation in conjunction with the Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Association. They have proven successful and are still being held every other month at various locations in the town to accommodate our elderly in Palmer and the villages. An average of eighty people are being screened at these clinics.

A Salisbury beach trip for the Annual Senior Citizens' Day was planned with eighty-six senior citizens participating in this trip. The Burleigh Park annual picnic was attended by over one hundred elderly and this event is always a huge success.

A snow shoveling program was initiated with fifteen young people clearing snow for some sixty elderly in all villages. Transportation for these youngsters was provided by the Council on Aging.

We participated in the CETA Youth Program by employing a local High School girl at the Senior Center during the summer. (25 hrs. per week.)

Helped the Lion's Club in obtaining the names of people who were shut-ins and the ones who would be alone on Thanksgiving Day to serve them their Thanksgiving dinners. Served were thirty-six at the church and thirty at home.

The highlight of the year was the arrival of our new Mini-bus which accommodates approximately three hundred senior citizens and handicapped monthly transporting them to lunch programs, shopping trips, medical appointments, etc. A yearly trip is also planned to the Eastern States Exposition and the Ice Capades.



A monthly Newsletter is sent out to all Palmer Senior Citizens to keep them informed of various programs available at the Center and other interesting information, which we have been told is well received.

Also this year, through the Memorial Gift Fund, a beautiful stereo system was purchased for the Center for everyone's listening pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Herbert Salter, Chairman  
Andre A. Corbin, 1st Vice Chairman  
Richard T. Santucci, 2nd Vice Chairman  
Kenneth C. Roberge, Treasurer  
Genevieve G. Janosz, Secretary  
Rev. James E. Diemand  
Isabel M. Ditto  
Elizabeth S. Kolbusz  
Joseph Malzenski  
Nathan Sheldon  
Rose Tyburski

# **REPORT OF THE PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL - TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **ANNUAL REPORT — 1978**

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee, under the chairmanship of David A. Staples of Belchertown, is pleased to present the following report to the citizens of the four town district of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, and Palmer, covering the 1978 calendar year. Other members of the committee during this period included Vice-Chairman Floyd Romanik, Jr. and Treasurer Michael Cavanaugh of Palmer, Secretary Marceline B. Matrow of Monson, and New Braintree representative Russell O. Dean, whose untimely death shortly after the expiration of his term shocked and saddened the Pathfinder community. That town has not been represented since April due to its failure to elect a member at the annual election.

## **CURRICULUM AND ENROLLMENT**

The October 1, 1978, enrollment figures for the school included 418 students distributed among the towns as follows: from the Pathfinder district towns, Palmer 176; Monson 109; Belchertown 68; and New Braintree 16. Among the 418 were 49 out-of-district students from the six neighboring towns which have been exploring the possibility of an expanded district over the past year: Ware 17; Warren 6; West Brookfield 14; North Brookfield 7; Hardwick 4; and Oakham 1. These towns paid a per student tuition charge to Pathfinder of \$2,150.00.

Foremost among the curriculum introductions was the initiation of a formal Cooperative Education Program under the supervision of Ben F. Galas. This program provides the opportunity for alternating periods of study and paid work experience to a carefully selected group of senior students. Under the watchful eye of the state regulations covering such programs, approximately 15 to 20 students will gain valuable on-the-job experience at local business and industrial sites. In many instances, such experience leads to job placement upon graduation, and in all cases, closer ties between the vocational school and local employers have come about. The program has been funded for its first year by a \$17,000 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education.

A further step forward in curriculum was taken in preparation for the comprehensive program audit conducted by the Department of Education in May of the year. Under current state regulations, each vocational school in the Commonwealth must be reviewed periodically for compliance with Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Shop and related curriculum in all ten approved vocational areas was refined, in some cases revised, and then written in acceptable format for representatives of the Department to review. It was a source of pride to the Committee that the school was found to be in total compliance with Chapter 74.

Suggestions made by the audit review team will be evaluated by the Committee and included in a plan for improvement in specific areas over the next three years. The audit process also included Special Education (Chapter 766), Equal Educational Opportunity (Chapter 622), and student records.

Continued emphasis was placed upon the practical experience gained through out-of-school projects by advanced students in several shops. The second house building project was completed in Bondsville by carpentry students, and a third was begun in Monson this fall. Landscaping for the elementary school in New Braintree was planned and carried out by students in the vocational agriculture program. Other work crews in carpentry made a substantial contribution to the construction of the music room addition to Belchertown High School, and electrical students installed the wiring in the Finnerty House for the Town of Belchertown. Culinary Arts students assisted at the dedication of the Palmer Town Library and provided a buffet luncheon for the groundbreaking ceremonies at the new Waste Water Treatment Plant which were attended by Governor Michael Dukakis and other state and local officials. These examples are but a few among many such projects which have enabled the school to cooperate with local town efforts to bring about improvements at substantial savings to the taxpayers. The students do undertake other work for citizens of the district from time to time provided the request has educational benefits within the approved curriculum.

Pathfinder's adult evening school continued to provide the district with an educational program tailored to the needs and interests of persons attempting to improve their job skills or to learn elements of a new trade. As in the previous year, however, a growing emphasis was placed on providing opportunities for adults to pursue leisure time interests and around-the-home types of useful skills. Over 600 took advantage of spring and fall offerings. In addition, the University of Massachusetts, through its Continuing Education Division, offered credit granting courses to area citizens through cooperative arrangements with Pathfinder.

## **FACULTY AND STAFF**

The professional teaching staff at Pathfinder included 43 persons at the beginning of the 1978-79 school year. An additional electronics teacher was approved by the Committee to complete the staff for the satellite program being operated in cooperation with the South Hadley Public Schools, and a part-time speech clinician was employed to provide services to students in accordance with Chapter 766. At the conclusion of the calendar year, an additional special education teacher for the shop areas was added through the assistance of P.L. 89-313 funds. Overall, the Committee was able to eliminate one position from the total number approved in the FY 1979 budget. As noted previously, the administrative staff included a Director of Cooperative Education for the first time, but otherwise remained unchanged.



## **PUPIL SERVICES AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

Pathfinder's guidance department was the recipient of a \$8,400.00 federal grant to address the problem of sex-bias and stereotyping in vocational programs and in related activities throughout the district. Activities on that project got under way in late fall and will enable Pathfinder and member town schools to develop methods of encouraging men and women students to investigate careers traditionally closed to one sex or the other. This objective is consistent with a nation-wide effort in vocational education to eliminate thinking of skill training in terms of male or female oriented occupations.

The basic skills of reading and mathematics were given added emphasis for disadvantaged students through the introduction of a Title I Program never before operational in a vocational school in the Commonwealth. Funds from this federally sponsored program enabled Pathfinder to employ a full-time teacher in this area and to expand services on a tutorial basis to specifically identified students.

Pathfinder's fourth graduating class numbered 92 students. Forty-nine percent were placed directly in their field, fourteen percent went on to higher education, another fifteen percent were placed in related work situations, and four percent chose the military. Eighteen percent are in other areas. Among the institutions of higher education attended by this year's graduates were Keene State College, Johnson and Wales College, Springfield Technical Community College, and the University of Massachusetts Stockbridge School of Agriculture. One student received his diploma from Pathfinder after having completed his senior year and his first year of technical college simultaneously.

Pathfinder's special needs program provided services to thirty-four students. A resource room program to assist these students in their academic areas was expanded to include a full-time teacher and an aide. As noted above, speech therapy was provided for the first time within the school, and special education services within shop areas were strengthened by the addition of a second teacher in that area. Each teacher is presently assigned to approximately five shop programs.

Project GROW, the Department of Education funded program for students residing at Belchertown State School and Monson State Hospital, was continued and included six students from Pathfinder's own towns. The program continues to be featured in state and national publications as an exemplary effort and was highly praised by the State Board of Education at its April meeting held at the school.



## FISCAL AFFAIRS

The School Committee approved an operating budget for FY 1979 of \$1,246,645.00 excluding salary negotiations, as follows:

Administration .....	\$ 80,350
Instruction .....	734,175
Other Services .....	124,695
Special Education .....	57,900
Operation and Maintenance .....	162,600
Fixed Charges .....	66,925
Fixed Assets .....	20,000

Anticipated reimbursements from all sources resulted in a net operating budget of \$804,536. Assessments to the member towns based upon this amount in addition to the evening school and bonded indebtedness resulted in: Belchertown **\$161,857.30**; Monson **\$286,914.86**; New Braintree **\$34,948.43**; and Palmer **\$475,146.41**. Further reductions in this amount were made possible through the application of regional school aid which totalled **\$202,368.00**.

School officials studied the development and implementation of the new school aid formula with particular attention to its long range impact on district finances. Under this plan passed by the 1978 session of the legislature, Pathfinder received Chapter 70 aid of **\$367,132.00**, an amount somewhat higher than previously anticipated under the old Chapter 74. The district is, however, in the so-called "save harmless" category with most of the towns of the Commonwealth, and that amount is not expected to grow over the next three years. With the impact of rising costs and inflationary pressures, the projection is not favorable.

Pathfinder continued to vigorously pursue federal funding for as many programs as possible. Several of these successful efforts have been mentioned above. Proposals totalling nearly \$80,000 resulted in programs and personnel having direct benefit to Pathfinder students. In addition \$126,500 in proposals are expected to be approved within the near future, resulting in one additional vocational program offering, the lunch program for the senior citizens, and assistance to a major industry in the Palmer area. Project GROW accounted for another \$174,100 in state funds from the Bureau of Institutional Schools.

Educational programs at Belchertown State School and Monson State Hospital, whose costs were approximately \$2,000,000 were operated through contracts between Pathfinder and the Massachusetts Department of Education and the United States Office of Education. Although these programs are administered by personnel at these locations, all fiscal affairs have been handled by Pathfinder staff members. The resulting administrative monies which accrued to the school have been used from time to time by the School Committee to purchase materials and equipment in addition to compensating the district for the time and effort spent in these programs. Savings to taxpayers have been substantial.

Recognizing the growing importance of the use of computers in finance and administration of public schools, the Committee acquired a terminal with access to the State College Computer Network in Boston. This terminal has been utilized to update and maintain the inventory, to further automate student attendance and records data, and to explore the application of a relatively sophisticated computer system to the school's financial operations.

As a result of repeated requests from the Committee, the Bureau of Accounts conducted a thorough financial audit of Pathfinder's accounts this fall. It was the first such audit since the school became a fully operational district. Although the final report has not yet been received, the Committee has already implemented several suggestions and recommendations which came about as a result of the audit and which will result in a greatly improved financial operation.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Pathfinder has traditionally been proud of the contribution from its various advisory committees, to which some twenty new members were added this fall. Two meetings were held with the overall advisory committees, the first of which was devoted to a self-evaluation of the vocational programs preparatory to the audit mentioned above. A new general advisory committee was established to conform with the recent Chapter 74 regulations, and this group met twice with the School Committee to discuss programs, job opportunities, and facilities.

The automotive repair program was strengthened by the contribution of two Toyota automobiles for practice work by the students. This generous donation was again typical of such support from national and international concerns as well as locally based industry.

The school continued its support of the senior citizens' lunch program, the Red Cross Bloodmobile, vision and hearing clinics, and a number of other civic activities. The community likewise responded with support for the annual scholarship fund-raising activities and the Toys-for-Tots pancake breakfast, to name but a few.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

With the announcement by the Department of Education of the federal funds allocations to each city, town, and regional school district for the purpose of occupational programming, Pathfinder took advantage of a pool of resources to propose a training program in the field of minicomputers as the twelfth vocational program offering. Some \$95,000 in federal monies granted to the region, its member towns, and the cooperating towns of South Hadley and Granby (through the Hampshire Educational Collaborative) will be utilized to begin and maintain for one year a training

program in this highly employable field. In addition, the electronics program presently being housed in South Hadley as a cooperative program is to be expanded and strengthened through the acquisition of additional equipment and increased student enrollments. District students will also have access to an ornamental horticulture program planned in Granby as part of a growing emphasis by the Commonwealth on providing occupational programming among schools and towns where there is presently limited access to them.

The exploration of ways in which to expand the program offerings to our students has continued, with on-going discussions with surrounding towns regarding the expansion of the district. Monthly meetings have been held with representatives from Ware, Warren, West Brookfield, North Brookfield, Hardwick, and Oakham to discuss various options. This effort has progressed slowly, but the planning committee has methodically analyzed possible avenues for expansion given the present economic climate, student enrollments, employment trends, political realities, and state priorities.

During the coming year, Pathfinder, along with all other vocational school districts in the Commonwealth, will be required to develop a long range plan for providing occupational education to member towns as well, perhaps, as to surrounding communities. Constant attention must be given to population changes, relevance of curriculum offerings, job market indicators, and, not least, the entire picture of state and local support for education in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh  
Representative, Town of Palmer

Floyd D. Romanik, Jr.  
Representative, Town of Palmer

Gerald L. Paist  
Superintendent-Director

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1978-1979

Lawrence M. Jasak, Chairman  
Robert W. Dranka, Vice Chairman  
Joseph J. Malzenski, Secretary

Lawrence M. Jasak .....Term expires 1979  
Robert S. Dupuis .....Term expires 1980  
Joseph J. Malzenski .....Term expires 1980  
Robert W. Dranka.....Term expires 1981  
Joseph S. Romanik .....Term expires 1981

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of each month.

All bills must be in the hands of the Superintendent by the Monday before the above-mentioned day.

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### BUDGET COMPARISON

	1979-80	1978-79	Increase or Decrease
Administration	\$ 72,930.00	\$ 76,637.00	\$ -3,707.00
Instruction	2,633,695.00	2,488,777.60	+ 144,917.40
Other School Services	237,219.35	235,411.45	+ 1,807.90
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	272,616.00	252,906.00	+ 19,710.00
Fixed Charges	90,236.20	103,203.24	-12,967.04
Community Services	500.00	500.00	----
Acquisition of Equipment	21,777.66	11,539.94	+ 10,237.72
Replacement of Equipment	19,047.98	11,919.85	+ 7,128.13
Trade and Adult Evening			
School Expenses	8,700.00	8,700.00	----
Tuition	82,772.00	71,432.00	+ 11,340.00
Repairs	60,830.00	51,159.50	+ 9,670.50
Federal Matching Funds	6,000.00	6,000.00	----
Surplus Property	500.00	500.00	----
	<hr/> \$3,506,824.19	<hr/> \$3,318,686.58	<hr/> + \$188,137.61

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The budget for 1979-80 reflects raises per contract for administrators, teachers, and custodians but **not** for any other personnel. Raises for the latter are under discussion.



## ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

It is a pleasure to submit this, my fifth annual report as Superintendent of the Palmer Public Schools. This report will use the format introduced four years ago, for we continue to organize our efforts at improvement through focusing upon specific annual objectives for the entire system. These were initially developed by the Superintendent and then revised after review by the Administrative Council, all members of the staff, and the School Committee before final adoption. For the most part this section of the annual report will reflect our progress to date in implementing the objectives rather than final outcomes.

### Curriculum and Instruction

1. Continue to review and revise on a K-12 basis the following curricula: art, career education, English, health, music, social studies, mathematics, and physical education; and initiate curriculum development in science and foreign languages.

Except for the area of evaluation, the curricula in art, music, and health education are substantially completed and should be fully completed by the end of this school year. A Health Advisory Committee made up of parents, clergy, and citizens at large in addition to staff has now been formed to review and make suggestions prior to implementation of the total program. It is expected that career education, mathematics, and physical education will also be completed by the end of this school year, and English substantially so. The social studies curriculum through grade 8 is expected to be completed, but the report I have from the department head at the high school provides me no inkling as to what has been or will be accomplished for the rest of this school year in grades 9-12. The K-12 science curriculum and the grades 9-12 foreign languages curriculum development will need at least one more full year for completion.

Program changes and course revisions where necessary are being carried out at the high school by each department as part of the self-evaluation required prior to the outside evaluation in November, 1979, by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. In addition to departmental meetings and other special meetings after school, three half days have been provided to help in this self-evaluation during this school year.

Those staff members who have given their time not only during the half days but also in after-school sessions assigned for curriculum development have obviously made the most headway and are to be congratulated for their efforts.

2. Assess degree to which reading is being taught in each subject area at the high school, and provide an inservice program for staff.

One inservice workshop has already been provided and another scheduled dealing with reading in subject areas — e.g., mathematics, science, social studies, etc. It is hoped that the results will persuade more of our high school staff to realize and practice the role of being a teacher of reading — and thus help our students more effectively.

3. Expand and evaluate the cooperative work/study program begun during the school year 1976-77 (**part** of the Title IV-C project developed by the Superintendent and funded for \$41,300 for 1977-78 and for \$37,700 for 1978-79).

Last year's evaluation of the work/study program showed substantial progress in meeting the objectives. This year the program has been expanded to include 42 students — 23 of whom are new this year. At this date 38 of the 42 have been placed at work sites.

4. Review, revise, and add materials as needed for our Eighth Grade Career Exploration Program, a second segment of the Title IV-C grant noted above; and evaluate the program.

This program has been reduced by 50 percent this year with the placement of four eighth grades at the elementary school level. Some additional materials have been provided for the eighth grades at the high school, and some have been loaned out from the Career Information and Guidance Center to be used with eighth graders at the elementary school level. The evaluation at the end of June, 1978, revealed exciting substantial growth by most of the eighth graders in knowledge of various careers through this program. Evaluations are continuing throughout this school year and reflect to date similar growth to that found last year.

5. Expand and evaluate our Career Information and Guidance Center, the third segment of the Title IV-C grant noted above.

As with the cooperative work/study and Eighth Grade Careers Program, we have reduced the number of objectives for this segment of the Title IV-C grant. Progress to date in the expansion of the use of the Center has been good, although temporarily slowed by the resignation of the Career Information and Guidance Center counselor effective December 22, 1978. A replacement has now been made, and we expect expansion and use of the materials to continue, with pilot programs being initiated at a number of grade levels in the elementary schools this spring.

The television and recording equipment purchased last year through these federal funds were utilized effectively in a curriculum presentation during American Education Week utilizing local cablevision lines to reach community homes. The equipment is also being used in a variety of other ways throughout the school system as well as in the Center.

6. Continue our Academically Talented Program for selected students in grades 5-7, and evaluate its effectiveness.

This program is now in its third year. Following our pre-planned cycle of emphasis, this year is devoted to the social sciences area with an instructor hired with such expertise. Informal results at this time are favorable. Once again the process follows a project approach with emphasis on reasoning and creativity.

7. Continue to review, revise, and evaluate our Special Education program as required by Chapter 766.

The major changes in the Special Education program this year so far have included the addition of a childhood education specialist through extra Title VI federal funds, some additional contract time with a clinical psychologist to work with parents, and an enrichment of the program for those children recently transferred from private facilities to the Palmer Public Schools. The latter program improvements were made possible through federal funds under Public Law 89-213, for which a project was written by the Director of Special Education.

8. Continue to assess achievement test results at all levels, and suggest revisions in methodology and/or curricula where needed.

Iowa Test results at grade 3 in the late spring of 1978 showed Palmer at the 94th percentile — thus showing our third graders **on the average** exceeding 93 percent of all other third graders throughout the nation taking the same test. Recent analyses by the Superintendent and Administrative Council of the Fall, 1978, grades 5 and 7 test data show advances over the past few years and are well above the national average — i.e., fifth grade results overall are at the 81st percentile and seventh grade results at the 68th percentile (up from the 56th percentile last year).

9. Explore the possibility of initiating with suitable guidelines an independent study program at the high school level.

The High School Principal held a meeting with department heads and directors of services December 11, 1978, focusing upon the above objective. In summary he reports as follows: "In terms of initiating an independent study program it is quite evident that adjustments in terms of scheduling and/or monies must be made on behalf of teachers."

10. Develop a reading and study skills program for the high school with initial implementation at grades 9 and 10 (or 8, 9, and 10), and review the role of our present tutors in reading and mathematics relative to such a program.

The report of the committee charged with this responsibility — namely, Miss Curtis, Mr. McAllister, and Mr. Paydos — note that the present tutorial program now being conducted on a limited referral basis at the high school appears to have had the best success at that level compared to other remediation programs in the past. Therefore, they recommend that there should be a



"continuation, refinement, and expansion of our current tutorial program" rather than an actually scheduled class dealing with study skills and the improvement of basic language and mathematics skills. Because the Superintendent has seen the latter program operate effectively in at least two high schools, he is not convinced at this time that we should not continue to study the possibility of initiating it in Palmer. Meanwhile, he does feel that the present tutorial program is serving a good purpose.

### **Supervision**

Continue to review and revise supervisory program and procedures for teachers.

The Superintendent has been in contact with the President of the Palmer Teachers Association relative to this objective, but so far no mutually agreeable date has been found for an initial meeting this year. It is hoped that such a meeting can be held shortly, however.

### **Administration**

1. Consider a revised job description for department heads.

The Superintendent contacted the President of the Palmer Teachers Association relative to the above objective because the department heads last year had indicated they preferred to have the Association discuss this with the Superintendent. One very productive meeting has already been held, and it is expected that one or two more will complete the job.

2. Update and review with administration and School Committee our enrollment projections for the next ten years, assessing space and staff needs accordingly.

The updated ten-year enrollment projections have been reviewed by the Superintendent and Administrative Council, and copies of the projections have been provided the School Committee. As a result of analyzing these projections, the Superintendent is recommending that a minimum of three staff members be cut next year, which will include the elimination of a second grade and a seventh grade section for 1979-80. The need for the use of the portable classrooms at the high school is still apparent for 1979-80, with some question as to their need beyond that time.

3. Continue to review and implement as space permits school reorganization as recommended in the progress report of objectives for 1974-75 — i.e., K-5, 6-8, 9-12 — or use a K-8 organization as a second choice.

As a result of his analysis of the ten-year enrollment projections, the Superintendent has recommended, and the School Committee has approved, the placement of all eighth grades in the elementary schools beginning with September, 1979. Therefore, we



shall have a basic organization of K-8 or 1-8 and 9-12 beginning September, 1979.

4. Continue to review the advisability of requiring evidence of some mastery of basic skills as a condition for graduation from high school, a study initiated during the school year 1976-77, and review the State Board of Education's competency standards report.

With the decision by the State Board of Education to initiate a policy requiring some evidence of basic skills attainment at the elementary level with a second assessment no later than ninth grade, it is apparent that Palmer, as well as other school systems, must develop both a program and assessment to meet this requirement. Fortunately, our assessments via the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in grades 3, 5, and 7 should put us in a position to meet the test at the elementary school level. We also have a similar test at the ninth grade level. Although each local school district has this responsibility, it is apparent that a program of remediation over and above what is now provided in most high schools may be needed to fully comply with this policy mandate. A committee has been formed and is working to fulfill this requirement at an early date.

5. Continue to assess the value of our present inschool suspension program in relation to its deterrent force, its cost in terms of teachers, its use of classroom space, etc.

The High School Principal reports that he and the Assistant Principal feel that the inschool suspension serves Palmer High School students better than the out-of-school suspension approach because students are given the opportunity to study while in school. He also reports that there is some evidence of its deterrent value to date.

6. Continue to review with administration and School Committee ways and means by which to obtain the most return for each of our educational dollars, including continued efforts to conserve energy, increased bidding where desirable, etc.

The Superintendent continues to stress with principals and, through them, all staff the need to conserve energy in the form of both fuel and light. We also continue to stress involvement of students through curriculum units which stress energy conservation as well as future energy sources.

We are continuing to assess the special piece of equipment attached to the burner at Park Street Elementary School by specific monthly dipstick test to determine the actual gallons of fuel utilized — with comparisons then to be made with past years, taking into account degree days.

Our major efforts this year will concentrate on the high school, where we expect to install as many storm windows as possible. The Superintendent has been in touch with some specialists in

this field to develop specifications for this purpose. One of the problems at the high school is the very large windows as compared to our other schools.

We increased our bidding procedures this year by including paper products for the cafeteria and expect to continue expanding bidding procedures as needed and possible.

7. Evaluate the impact of the policy re "No high school student shall have more than eight study halls per week."

Our Director of Guidance Services, Mr. Paydos, and the High School Principal, Mr. Woods, report that the above policy had a favorable impact on both program selection on the part of students and in reducing high numbers of students in a given study hall. More elective courses are also being pursued by an additional number of students. The only problem seems to be with a few seniors where some of the semester courses in the first semester are not matched with semester courses in the spring.

8. Review the possibility of providing space at the high school for approved extension courses for credit, at no cost to the school district.

To date the Superintendent and Administrative Council have not had the opportunity to develop any extension courses for credit, although some space would be available for them.

### **Community-School Relations**

1. Review ways to improve community-school relations, especially relative to improving the flow of information concerning programs and activities of the schools.

Veterans' Day and American Education Week programs provided opportunities for the community to visit the schools and also to participate in some cases — e.g., as part of Veterans' Day celebration. In addition to some very excellent exhibits throughout the schools during American Education Week, a program highlight was the taping and presentation through local cable facilities of a video program dealing with curriculum development at various levels in the Palmer Public Schools. This video equipment, as earlier noted, was purchased from federal funds through Project M.O.R.E. Open Houses at the elementary level as well as an Open House at the high school brought forth a number of parents, although the Palmer High School's Back-to-School Night suffered because of inclement weather.

Press releases, radio reports, issues of **School Times**, and informal letters to parents continue to be important means of getting information to the community concerning our programs and school activities.

2. Consider an expansion of the use of volunteers and resource personnel in the schools.

The major expansion in the use of volunteers and resource personnel so far this year as well as during the spring of 1978 results primarily from the activities carried on in our Career Information and Guidance Center at the high school. Additional resource people have been utilized at the elementary school level for reports and/or presentations to one or more classes.

### **High School Evaluation**

Select additional committees required and complete above evaluation in preparation for evaluation in November, 1979, by New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

Twenty different committees are operating this year concerning the above self-evaluation with only one to date having completed its mission — namely, the one dealing with a Statement of Philosophy. However, the others are expected to be completed by the end of this school year. As earlier noted under Curriculum, course and program reviews in all departments are also continuing in anticipation of the outside evaluation in November, 1979.

### **ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

As part of the implementation of Chapter 622 of the General Laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Title IX and Section 504 of federal regulations, the Palmer Public Schools as well as all other schools in The Commonwealth must evaluate formally and report such evaluations to the proper authorities concerning the implementation of each of these laws or regulations. As a result, total staff will make such formal written evaluations in a half day provided for this purpose in the spring. The paperwork entailed in these and other regulations is becoming extremely time-consuming as well as costly.

### **Palmer High School**

New courses added to the Palmer High School curriculum this year include American Pop Music, Yearbook Publications, and Distributive Education.

Because of many problems with senior privileges in the past, a drastic refinement occurred this year. No longer is the high school cafeteria used as an open study hall for seniors. Strict guidelines have been placed on eligibility for the senior privilege with the anticipation that this will induce a more favorable educational climate for senior students.

This school year a substantial improvement has been made in terms of student tardiness. The assistance of high school staff



and the cooperation of many parents have aided the high school administration immeasurably in its endeavor to decrease student tardiness.

## Elementary Schools

The evaluation concerning the progress, academic and otherwise, of the eighth grade students at the high school and those eighth grade students at the elementary schools last year reflected positive results at both levels. Pupils at the elementary school, however, showed generally fewer disciplinary problems and better attendance. This year two additional eighth grades were placed at the elementary school level, and all eighth grades will be at the elementary school level effective September, 1979.

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The Superintendent would like to take this opportunity to commend those many dedicated staff members who have contributed their time and talents beyond the normal day in furthering our efforts to improve our schools and our programs and to work with individual students. The Superintendent is also pleased to compliment the contributions of Mrs. Matera, Cafeteria Manager; Mr. McKee, Director of Maintenance and Operation; and members of his office staff — Miss Mohamed, Mrs. Oliveira, and until September of this school year, Miss Witkoski. It was a distinct loss to lose Miss Witkoski, but after fifty-two years of devoted service, she certainly deserves retirement years filled with good fortune and happiness. The reorganization of the Superintendent's office now has Miss Mohamed as office Manager, Mrs. Oliveira as Chief Account Clerk, and a new addition in the person of Mrs. Chrobak as Assistant Account Clerk. The help of all of these individuals, plus those members of the Administrative Council, have been of immense aid to the Superintendent in carrying out his responsibilities.

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Although this progress report on our objectives and the highlights noted above are but a summary of actions taken and activities pursued, it should be evident that the Palmer Public Schools are focusing upon and moving purposefully toward goals which will result in improvement — something which all institutions must do if they are to continue to thrive and even survive.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Nelligan, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



## JURY LIST

### PRECINCT A

Barton, Linda A.	Leduc, Anna M.
Benoit, Normand H.	Lewinski, Joseph W.
Beynor, Bennie J.	Mailman, John A.
Boissy, Roland R.	Malzenski, Joseph J.
Castledine, Sylvia W.	Matrow, Christopher W.
Christiansen, Elsie M.	Matrow, Donald E.
Christman, George W., Jr.	McGuirk, Ernestine E.
Cordiali, Marie A.	Mullaly, William J.
Crimmins, Lorena A.	Papuzenski, Frank W.
Daley, Helen B.	Palmere, Edith M.
Dane, Jean E.	Phaneuf, Evelyn M.
Doyle, Edward W.	Phillips, Janet O.
Evasius, Raymond V.	Potts, James A.
Fauteux, Norbert P.	Reep, Sandra L.
Finch, Bernard A.	Reynolds, Lois C.
Fischer, Karl	Sabourin, Leonard J.
Flegert, John P.	Santucci, Richard T.
Fuller, Jean S.	Sheldon, Nathan A.
Gleason, Francis J.	Sherman, Irene C.
Graham, Walter J.	Skowyra, Helen G.
Gralinski, Juanita J.	Smith, Frank B.
Graveline, Jacqueline S.	Soper, Frederick L.
Grimes, Arlene C.	Swain, Mildred
Harrington, Bess M.	Syriac, Leonard H.
Hartley, Edward G.	Tobin, Kenneth E.
Hubert, Mary S.	Toshikian, Jacob
Kaczmarczyk, Joseph T.	Ugoccioni, David J.
Kiley, Mary C.	Uguccione, Evelyn
Kostolecki, John F.	Valley, Patricia A.
Landers, Patrick F., Jr.	Yargeau, Dorothy R.
Lavallee, Roland A.	Zajac, Edward J.
Laviolette, Robert M.	

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Amell, Louis	Nagle, Mary E.
Austin, Mary L.	Siok, William S.
Bragiel, Frank W.	Smola, Alice S.
Ellithorpe, William J.	Topor, Thomas S.
Gray, Doris V.	Wadas, Sophie C.
Jasak, Lawrence M.	Wilk, Shelia A.
Korzec, Frank W.	Zebrowski, Albert P.
Misterka, Steven J.	Zebrowski, Marlene J.
Murphy, Michael J.	Ziemba, Mathew J.

## JURY LIST

### PRECINCT C

Andre, Phyllis J.  
Aniskiewicz, Ann E.  
Bengle, Leo C.  
Bready, Francis O.  
Dougal, John  
Dougal, Stephanie  
Dupuis, Robert S.  
Fitzpatrick, Donald J.  
Flynt, Rufus R.  
Geer, Mary Lou  
Graveline, Charles E.  
Kozik, Walter P.  
Majka, Rudolph J.  
Majka, Walter J.  
Misiaszek, Frances M.  
Misiaszek, Philomena G.  
Nietupski, Edmund W.

Noga, David M.  
Reim, Donald F.  
Rock, Louis T.  
Sasur, Anthony S.  
Severage, Patricia  
Smith, Byron H.  
Soltys, Adam S.  
Topor, Peter J., Jr.  
Witkowski, Joseph S.  
Wlodyka, Constance T.  
Wojnilowicz, John  
Wozniakowski, Walter P.  
Wright, Julia T.  
Wrubel, Louis J.  
Zawacki, Julian  
Zbylot, Michael S.  
Zisk, Bernard

### PRECINCT D

Bowler, Clifford D.  
Bycenski, Stanley J.  
Graveline, Joseph O.A.  
Haley, Carolyn A.  
Jusko, Henry M.

Kowalski, Edward R., Sr.  
Lesniewski, Joseph G.  
Piechota, Frederick W.  
Skowronek, Barney G.  
Szostek, Edward J.  
Walder, Lauria D.

## **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

The year 1978 produced no dramatic changes in the day-to-day operation of town government. Construction of the Water Pollution Control project continued on schedule. The usual concerns of the citizens over inflation, cost of living and taxes were ever-present. These concerns are justified and are shared by the members of the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Gordon H. Christiansen, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, chose not to seek re-election. The April elections resulted in Palmer N. Santucci, Jr. gaining a seat on the Board along with incumbents, Mr. William J. Lemanski and James L. St. Amand.

On April 19, 1978 the Board re-organized with Mr. St. Amand being elected Chairman, Mr. Lemanski being elected Vice-Chairman and Palmer N. Santucci, Jr. being elected Clerk of the Board.

Some of the highlights of the year's activities are noted below:

### **TAXES**

As a result of increased State Aid and a very favorable "Free Cash" position, our Board was pleased to announce a decrease of \$2.00 in the tax rate from \$35.50 to \$33.50. The Finance Committee scrutinized budgets very closely and town departments were instructed to hold the line on expenditures in an effort to stabilize the tax rate. We are hopeful that State Aid will continue to ease the burden on the local property taxpayer.

### **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT**

The twenty million dollar water pollution control project continued into its second year of construction. At year's end, work was progressing on the 5.6 million gallons per day wastewater treatment plant in Three Rivers, three interceptor pipelines and five sewage pumping stations.

The system includes capacities for the Town of Monson, South Belchertown and Diamond-International Corporation. Under agreements with the Town of Palmer, the Towns of Monson, South Belchertown and Diamond-International Corporation will pay their proportional share of the local capital costs and annual operating and maintenance costs.

The consulting engineers, Tighe & Bond, Inc., are presently engaged by the Town of Palmer in developing a system of Sewer User Charges and Industrial Cost Recovery as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

The following is a summary of the work completed as of December 31, 1978:

	Total Value of Work Completed	Contract Bid Price	Percent Complete
Contract 1 Palmer Interceptor	1,669,913	1,685,890	99%
Contract 2 Thorndike-Bondsville Interceptor	1,184,875	2,188,216	54%
Contract 3 Three Rivers Interceptor	208,800	366,905	57%
Contract 4 Pump Stations 1 and 2	1,163,300	1,608,000	72%
Contract 5 Pump Stations 3, 4 and 5	760,025	894,675	85%
Contract 6 Wastewater Treatment Plant	4,684,645	8,918,172	53%
	<hr/> 9,671,558	<hr/> 15,661,858	

Total project percent complete to date, December 31, 1978 — 62%.

Present projections are that the project will be operational by September 1980.

## K-MART AT GEORGE WASHINGTON PLAZA

Through the combined efforts of the Selectmen, Board of Assessors, Three Rivers Fire and Water District, Three Rivers Water Commissioners and many civic leaders, K-Mart Corporation announced its intention to purchase and develop the George Washington Plaza. The run-down shopping center will be converted into a modern retail shopping complex.

One of the major obstacles to overcome before K-Mart agreed to locate in Palmer was an inadequate water system which K-Mart insisted be improved to meet their standards. The Selectmen and the Board of Assessors, with the approval of the Department of Corporation and Taxation, arranged for an abatement of \$148,000 in back taxes which K-Mart gifted to the Three Rivers Fire and Water District along with their own contribution of \$85,000 to construct a new water line to serve the shopping center.



K-Mart proposes to invest two to two and one-half million dollars to reconstruct the shopping center and estimates that 200 full and part-time jobs will be generated through the development of the plaza.

The decision by K-Mart to locate in Palmer should provide a boost to the area economy, provide jobs for our citizens and enlarge our tax base.

We welcome K-Mart to the Town of Palmer and wish them much success in this new endeavor. The store itself is scheduled to open on March 22, 1979.

## **PALMER INDUSTRIAL PARK**

Our Board is not satisfied with the progress and development at the Palmer Industrial Park located in Bondsville.

A total of \$400,000 in annual payments for the sale of the park is in arrears as differences between the Palmer Redevelopment Authority and the owner of the park, J.B. Williams, continue unresolved.

In the meantime the town is obligated to make annual payments on principal and interest on the town's share of the construction cost with no prospect of tenants for the park and no jobs for the citizens of Palmer as intended when the Economic Development Administration favored the town with an approximate one million dollar grant.

A proposed new agreement between J.B. Williams and the P.R.A. is being negotiated. Parts of that agreement are not acceptable to the Board of Selectmen including the elimination of a jobs clause which obligates the developer to provide 200 jobs by March 1, 1980 and the repurchase of the land on Main Street, Bondsville, the site of the 1968 industrial fire, at an amount much greater than the original selling price. Also, the Selectmen oppose the proposal to cancel the \$400,000 due by J.B. Williams for the sale of park land with a new schedule of payments which would project the amount due to future years.

These are bona fide concerns expressed by the Board of Selectmen and the citizens at large. We hope that these differences can be resolved and industry can be found to locate in the park to aid our sluggish economy and to provide jobs as was the original intent.

## **LIQUID NATURAL GAS TRUCK TRAVEL**

The Board of Selectmen wrote letters to and held meetings with the Mass. Department of Public Works requesting that L.N.G. trucks originating in Ludlow be restricted from using Thorndike Street and Shearer Street in Palmer. Citing the dangers involved to

persons in schools, hospitals, churches and shopping areas along the route of travel, the Board suggested that Bay State Gas use alternate routes through Ludlow to reach the Mass. Turnpike. If complete restriction cannot be achieved, the Board will seek partial restriction during daytime hours and will also seek a compromise on the number of trucks which will pass through Palmer.

## **PERSONNEL BY-LAW**

At the close of the year the Town of Palmer was still without a Comprehensive Personnel By-Law, a Classification Plan and a Compensation Plan.

The Personnel Advisory Committee was charged with the responsibility of developing job descriptions and salary ranges for all appointed and elective positions in the town under section 3-5 of the charter which was adopted by the voters on March 4, 1974.

The Board of Selectmen requested that a complete Personnel By-Law be presented to the Selectmen for review, comment and subsequent approval by November 1, 1978 so that the proposal could be placed before the voters at the April 1979 annual town meeting.

The Personnel Advisory Committee experienced three resignations out of the five-member Board during the year and therefore was crippled in its efforts to complete its assigned task.

We acknowledge that the task of the Personnel Advisory Committee is unenviable. However, with a diligent effort on its part and with the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen we should have a complete personnel by-law at this time one year from now.

## **FEDERAL AID FOR WARREN STREET RECONSTRUCTION**

The Board of Selectmen was advised that their request for reconstruction of Warren Street under the Federal Aid to Secondary Rural Roads Program was approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, District #3 Office, Worcester, Mass.

The continuance of the reconstruction of Warren Street will involve a distance of 2.2 miles at an approximate cost of \$700,000. The Federal Government will fund 70% of the cost and the State will fund the remaining 30%. The proposal is for a 32-foot roadway (two twelve-foot travel lanes and two four-foot paved shoulders) with an additional three-foot grass shoulder on each side for this project. Work on this roadway will involve both horizontal and vertical realignment to flatten the curves and improve sight distance. The Dept. of Public Works will supervise the Planning and Construction phases of the project. Actual construction will begin in approximately two years.

## **PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS**

The town received a \$100,000 E.D.A. federal grant for a roadway and drainage project in 1977. Forest Street in Bondsville was re-constructed with these funds along with drainage improvements in Sunset Acres, Three Rivers.

The \$131,000 Recreation project off Main Street, Three Rivers was substantially completed. This new development will provide three tennis courts and one baseball field for the youngsters of the community. Only the development of an acceptable stand of grass has delayed the formal acceptance of the contract. The recreation area should be in use by the summer of 1979.

## **CETA PROGRAM**

The Town of Palmer continued to participate in the Comprehensive Employment Training Act program as a member of the Hampden County Manpower Consortium. The Consortium suffered severe cutbacks in funding from the Federal Government for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1978. This, of course, reflected in a decrease in participants in Palmer as well as other member towns. At the close of the year there were eleven persons in the CETA program in the following departments:

Selectmen, Police, Highway, Palmer Public Library, Bondsville Water Department, Three Rivers Water Department, Park Department, Treasurer's Office and the Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurses Association.

The CETA program continues to provide skills and jobs for the unemployed and at the same time the town benefits from the cost-free services.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS PROGRAM**

The Board of Selectmen placed 55 participants in various agency locations in the Town during the summer of 1978. This program is primarily geared to low income and economically disadvantaged youngsters between the ages of 16 and 21. The participants work a 25-hour work week for a period of eight weeks. The Counselor-Supervisor was Mr. William Gallagher who has handled the program for the Selectmen for the past few years.

## **RETIREMENTS:**

Acting Chief of Police, Henry S. Janasiewicz and Edward J. Salamon, Veterans' Agent, officially retired on January 31, 1978.



## APPOINTMENTS:

Harold L. Olson	Acting Chief of Police	2-1-78
Edward J. Jasak	Acting Sergeant, Police Dept.	2-1-78
Howard E. Case	Acting Sergeant, Police Dept.	2-1-78
Lawrence J. Ochs	Veterans' Agent	2-14-78
Richard W. Rollet	Building Inspector	4-24-78
James R. Phaneuf	Board of Health	5-23-78
Howard E. Case	Sergeant (Permanent) Police Department	10-31-78
Frank J. Kitch	Board of Registrars	10-31-78
Harold F. Thatcher	Gas Inspector	11-14-78

At the close of the year the Board is awaiting the results of a civil service examination for Chief of Police. The examination was held on August 19, 1978. A certified list of eligible candidates was expected on or about February 1, 1979. The examination was open to applicants on a state-wide basis.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS IN 1978

To provide the citizens with an account of what transpired at our special town meetings during the past year, we offer the following summary:

March 13, 1978

Article 2. Voters accepted the provisions of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975.

Article 3. Voters amended town by-law to comply with mandatory provisions of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975.

Article 4. Voters amended the existing by-law entitled, "Removal of Topsoil, Loam, Gravel, Clay or Fill" and adopted a by-law regulating signs in the Town of Palmer.

Article 5. Voters transferred \$2,600 to the School Department account from available funds in the treasury to defray in part the School Custodian's contract.

September 25, 1978

Article 2. Voters transferred \$175,000 from Free Cash to reduce the FY-1979 tax levy.

Article 3. Voters transferred \$3,022 for the purchase of Pedestrian Safety Materials for the Police Department. Monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Article 4. Voters discontinued portion of Old Boston Road which runs through the parking area at the George Washington Plaza.



The Board of Selectmen extends its gratitude to all town officials, committees, employees and citizens who have made a contribution to make government work in the Town of Palmer.

The Board is confident that the year 1979 will show progress and growth in the community.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. St. Amand  
William J. Lemanski  
Palmer N. Santucci, Jr.

#### **REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

All inspections ordered by the Division of Livestock Disease Control have been completed and requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129, of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been complied with and reports filed with the Division at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There were 145 visits made to examine and quarantine dogs known to have bitten persons. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after 10 days.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis S. Jacek,  
Inspector of Animals

## TOWN EMPLOYEES' SALARY SCHEDULE

Following is a list of earnings for the Calendar year 1978 for all other Town Employees in the Town of Palmer, Mass.

Anton, Harry J. ....	\$ 220.50
Bachand, Harold .....	9,891.70
Baird, James F. ....	3,303.72
Barone, Vincent F. ....	20,283.64
Bastek, Sophie .....	450.00
Beauregard, Danny O. ....	10,721.15
Beauregard, Oliver A. ....	16,560.96
Bigda, Stanley J. ....	16,981.10
Boryczka, John S. ....	5,440.40
Brodeur, Rita .....	450.00
Brown, John T. ....	6,054.10
Brozek, Irene T. ....	7,399.42
Bubon, Joseph S. ....	2,601.60
Case, Howard E. ....	16,323.23
Cavanaugh, Donald H. ....	194.96
Charwick, Frank .....	11,304.42
Christiansen, Gordon H. ....	482.63
Clark, Sidney .....	14,642.72
Cole, Martha .....	4,552.80
Cole, Wayne G. ....	1,322.76
Couture, Robert R. ....	17,507.84
Coyer, Leo .....	675.00
Davis, Sylvia R. ....	620.00
Diesi, Elizabeth A. ....	7,415.12
Dorsey, Wilfred A. ....	11,877.43
Doyle, John F. ....	2,800.03
Dranka, Stephen J. ....	9,405.97
Dranka, Thomas M. ....	10,837.63
Dubay, Theodore .....	9,464.25
Dyl, John J. ....	1,868.97
Ellithorpe, Clifford L. ....	18,286.68
Faulkner, Robert G. ....	1,653.75
Fogarty, Daniel V. Jr. ....	661.50
Frydryk, Charles R. ....	27.56
Galanski, Andrew M. ....	27.56
Gaudreau, Dennis R. ....	569.66
Gauthier, Patricia .....	73.75
Gill, Joseph S. ....	15,211.49
Gloster, Gloria J. ....	1,087.15
Goddu, Alice .....	4,552.80
Golas, Joseph P. ....	425.63
Golas, Paul W. ....	848.35
Golas, Roberta H. ....	112.00
Gouvin, Athur R. ....	11,472.20
Graveline, Paul C. ....	86.40
Griffin, Cathryn .....	680.78
Gray, Harold J. ....	529.02
Gula, Edwin .....	662.00
Guzik, Frederick J. ....	1,102.50

Haggerty, Anne M. ....	621.20
Haley, Thomas W. ....	110.25
Jacek, Louis S. ....	826.88
Jalbert, Helena ....	5,377.89
Jalbert, Roger R. ....	16,153.70
Janasiewicz, Henry S. ....	5,800.60
Janulewicz, Daniel A. ....	17,152.43
Janulewicz, John ....	9,675.60
Janulewicz, John J. Jr. ....	5,510.21
Jasak, Charles H. ....	1,575.00
Jasak, Edward ....	16,890.35
Jasak, Lawrence M. ....	10,439.35
Jusko, Edward ....	12,980.89
Kaczmarczyk, Richard P. ....	10,139.50
Kargol, Edward ....	128.00
Kennedy, Robert S. Jr. ....	15,208.10
Kitch, Frank J. ....	99.62
Kitch, William M. ....	189.60
Kivior, Doris ....	404.15
Kopacz, Kevin E. ....	8,134.25
Kopacz, Peter E. ....	547.70
Koss, Mary Anne. ....	96.00
Krystofik, Edward ....	240.00
Kusek, Norma ....	450.00
Labombard, Frederick J. ....	10,866.53
Lachowski, Joseph F. ....	472.40
Lajzer, Christine P. ....	675.00
Laurion, Martha S. ....	576.00
Laviolette, Richard J. ....	1,749.00
Lech, Mark H. ....	413.35
Lech, Michael W. ....	826.00
Lee, Carol Anne. ....	128.00
Lee, Daniel B. ....	21,109.65
Leacock, John T. ....	551.25
Lemanski, William J. ....	1,611.75
Lemon, Ruth ....	270.00
LePage, Maurice R. ....	702.66
Les, Josephine E. ....	447.50
Lesniewski, Stephanie G. ....	7,418.58
Lis, Frederick ....	702.66
Lis, Marion P. ....	8,064.34
Lisiewicz, Stanley, J. ....	10,958.44
Lovell, Janice M. ....	507.50
Lynch, James J. III ....	3,334.94
Lynch, Patricia M. ....	770.00
MacDougall, Matthew ....	662.00
MacDougall, Susan A. ....	5,588.38
McAdam, Donald H. ....	227.50
McCarthy, William E. ....	13,901.73
McKee, Dean ....	59.16
McKee, Kendrick ....	472.40
Machnik, Julia A. ....	315.80
Malzenski, Mary ....	2,601.60
Marcy, Melvin L. ....	13,316.07
Marhelewicz, Geraldine E. ....	5,827.90

Martin, David F. Jr. ....	329.14
Matera, Salome ....	8,434.96
Mead, Daniel B. ....	149.73
Mercier, Sidney R. ....	11,279.89
Miarecki, Laurie Ann ....	64.00
Murphy, Claire L. ....	670.00
Murphy, Florence. ....	2,473.60
Murphy, Margaret A. ....	808.20
Nicewicz, Judy ....	7,859.72
Noble, Earl D. ....	4,406.12
Nowak, Thaddeus W. ....	10,264.24
Ochs, Lawrence J. ....	2,654.00
Olejarz, Mary ....	448.78
Oliveira, Anthony ....	1,763.30
Olson, Harold L. ....	17,171.23
Ouhl, Helen. ....	4,552.80
Packard, Lucille K. ....	675.00
Papuzenski, Frank ....	2,574.25
Pascale, Michael P. ....	222.61
Phaneuf, James ....	424.68
Pelski, Jeannette C. ....	2,299.04
Philibotte, Darry A. ....	296.80
Philibotte, J. Donald, Sr. ....	9,298.60
Piechota, Anthony J. ....	401.31
Pietryka, Stanley J. ....	876.00
Pietryka, Walter A. ....	3,880.60
Pikul, Cathy Mary ....	188.00
Pikul, Julia B. ....	2,601.60
Pobieglo, Felix ....	11,821.70
Quale, Olga B. ....	400.00
Raleigh, Walter D. ....	3,820.08
Raymond, Corinne E. ....	7,675.72
Reep, Sandra ....	247.50
Reim, David O. ....	1,499.90
Rich, James ....	5,938.40
Riel, Alice ....	1,939.88
Robak, Mildred ....	2,588.80
Rollet, Richard W. ....	2,477.86
Roman, Anthony ....	330.75
Rondeau, Alvin C. ....	1,234.28
Rooney, Frances M. ....	450.00
Roy, Roland J. ....	8,718.51
Russo, Arthur ....	2.94
Russo, Michael ....	13,367.50
Salamon, Edward J. ....	1,913.67
Salamon, Henry F. ....	771.75
Sampson, Phillip L. ....	10,904.96
Santos, Vicki L. ....	187.50
Santucci, Joseph C. ....	22.62
Santucci, Leo ....	20,013.60*
Santucci, Palmer N. ....	1,129.12
Seipel, Phyllis M. ....	7,238.62
Sekula, Barbara ....	628.90
Sherman, Kenneth C. ....	6,403.68
Sibik, Bernice ....	4,552.80

\* Pension



Smola, Louis	8,809.25
Squires, Robert	280.00
St. Amand, James L.	1,611.75
Strzeminski, Stanley J.	8,758.80
Swain, Stewart P.	112.00
Swiatlowski, Frank J.	220.50
Swiatlowski, Stanley J.	1,763.30
Swist, Judith Ann	112.00
Teczar, Mary	4,552.80
Tenczar, Edward J.	2,416.75
Theodore, Gus	2,012.08
Thompson, Paul	472.40
Thompson, Sonia L.	2,109.36
Tippett, Louise J.	791.35
Trespas, Vivian	667.50
Tyburski, Jessie	3,902.40
Walder, Lauria	2,601.60
Wielkiewicz, Anthony	10,327.54
Wojtowicz, Sophie	2,601.60
Wozniakowski, Rick	128.00
Wright, Julia T.	61.80
Zebrowski, Joseph A.	21,997.95
Zerdecki, Stella H.	2,533.12
Zietkowski, William	135.15

The following is a list of earnings for the Calendar year 1978 for School Department employees in the Town of Palmer, Mass.:

Abar, Sylvia H.	\$13,270.68
Abbate, Charles F.	17,206.08
Adam, Susan M.	11,566.64
Allyn, Barbara	88.00
Ammann, Mary Anne	10,035.62
Anderson, Dorothy C.	14,605.84
Anderson, Marie G.	7,659.72
Anton, David S.	14,014.68
Anton, Harry J.	870.00
Arena, Joseph A.	3,359.36
Austin, M. Maureen	13,174.12
Avis, Mark	8,446.44
Backus, David	137.95
Backus, Margaret C.	4,679.24
Bak, John J.	9,122.10
Baldyga, Beverly A.	2,133.64
Ballou, Shirley	2,062.74
Barone, Paul	348.00
Barrett, Henrietta H.	7,070.44
Batchelor, David R.	9,425.16
Bastek, Sophie	405.00
Bauer, Michael R.	14,395.04
Bekier, Gail	11,760.64
Benjamin, Jeanne	216.00

Benoit, Mark	11.00
Beynor, Peter	17,840.00
Bigda, David	3,949.84
Blake, Ann Marie	13,270.68
Blazejowski, Michael P.	3,401.20
Bonsall, Robert A. Jr.	22.00
Bosma, Jeannine	950.00
Bouffides, Evan	12.00
Bowler, Michael P.	9,320.74
Bowler, Michael P.	248.00
Brigham, Jean	15,067.54
Brodeur, Rita	385.00
Brouillette, Virginia	16,076.92
Brown, Judith	12,774.60
Brown, Marie	1,864.69
Brown, Susan Carol	14,296.78
Bussell, Susan	5,097.50
Bussell, David C.	14,245.02
Butcher, Barbara	12,727.22
Butler, Louise M.	8,353.44
Byoreck, Barbara	16,657.94
Camyre, Elizabeth	214.00
Camyre, Elizabeth	887.29
Canning, Susan R.	1,007.00
Carabetta, James R.	14,896.58
Carlson, Jacqueline	1,960.77
Carr, Susan Louise	11,659.40
Case, Christine	1,156.87
Charwick, Deborah	3,692.77
Chrobak, Helen	1,046.16
Chrobak, Kevin	56.00
Chrzan, Eileen T.	14,605.84
Ciak, Cynthia J.	12,529.54
Clark, Ernest A.	8,997.86
Coderre, Carleen F.	1,097.60
Cole, Wayne	789.00
Cole, William	32.00
Converse, Paula	8,936.28
Cornwell, George E.	16,960.80
Courchesne, Barbara J.	891.00
Couture, Winifred	1,468.14
Coyer, Leo	445.00
Crimmins, Josephine	552.00
Curtis, Nancy A.	19,107.30
Dansereau, Josephine	489.62
Davis, Sylvia	560.00
Dehayes, Roger	1,661.80
Demaio, Christine	4,929.04
Demaio, David	86.80
Desantis, Rosemarie	22.00
Dewer, Stephen	2,788.66
Dickinson, Betsy	50.00
Dinuovo, Lorraine I.	8,934.64
Disley, John P.	9,233.29
Dolley, Sandra	642.00

Donawa, Edward L. ....	484.00
Dougal, John A. Jr. ....	16,717.90
Dow, Roselyn ....	14,605.84
Dranka, Linda L. ....	15,498.96
Ducomb, Catherine ....	1,670.00
Dudek, Judith C. ....	12,558.54
Dudley, Ann ....	9,760.20
Dulude, Leonard P. ....	12,278.52
Dunn, Thomas F. ....	15,908.10
Dupuis, William ....	228.00
Duval, Christos ....	154.00
Edberg, Joan ....	5,138.12
Edberg, Paul ....	204.00
Esterbrook, James B. ....	66.00
Falkouski, Karen ....	11,070.56
Fariss, Irene ....	22.00
Faulkner, Ann M. ....	154.00
Feller, Larry ....	11,069.56
Feredjian, Berdjouhi ....	7,558.56
Ferrisi, Joseph G. ....	3,857.16
Finocchio, Michael ....	66.00
Fitzpatrick, Alice ....	214.00
Fogarty, Mary A. ....	16,657.94
Foote, Faye M. ....	7,288.60
Ford, Patricia ....	22.00
Foster, Judith A. ....	13,645.12
Fountain, Gary ....	48.00
Fountain, Gill A. ....	630.50
Fountain, Janice ....	8,934.64
Freedman, Barbara G. ....	88.00
Gaby, Nora ....	12,550.04
Gallagher, William F. ....	15,012.08
Garabedian, Ida ....	349.18
Gauthier, Patricia ....	44.23
Gentry, Francine Ann ....	12,896.54
Gentry, Grover C. Jr. ....	72.00
Gigliotti, Sandra A. ....	154.00
Gilmartin, Francis T. Sr. ....	9,149.36
Ginalski, Carolyn J. ....	9,904.93
Glabicky, Michael ....	12,999.54
Godek, Frances ....	14,709.08
Goldberg, Dora A. ....	22.00
Goodwin, John ....	330.00
Gorski, Edward J. ....	16,617.90
Gosselin, Janice ....	22.00
Gouvin, Ronald A. ....	2,723.52
Graham, Walter ....	2,495.10
Gralenski, Joseph F. ....	15,908.10
Grove, Kathleen ....	1,533.20
Grzywna, Stanley ....	1,150.00
Guerin, Donna M. ....	13,308.64
Gurski, Theodore G. ....	8,932.14
Guzik, Flora M. ....	325.00
Haggerty, Ellen M. ....	1,762.50
Halsall, Fay T. ....	933.01

Hawkins, David F. ....	13,826.80
Hawkins, Thomas B. ....	10,435.14
Hayes, Martin L. ....	4,023.72
Hebert, Rebecca S. ....	1,856.40
Heropoulos, Ann ....	4,450.31
Hersh, Kenneth ....	13,125.06
Hicks, Thelma D. ....	648.00
Hiersche, Judith L. ....	367.34
Higney, Suzanne ....	13,197.54
Hill, Harry C. ....	14,923.82
Holda, Frederick W. ....	17,368.00
Holland, Joseph D. ....	15,634.52
Hooton, Barbara L. ....	6,219.68
Janasiewicz, Robert ....	19,090.20
Janasiewicz, Rosalie ....	8.00
Jasak, Eleanor ....	5,161.92
Jasak, Michael ....	1,062.00
Jerris, Carol A. ....	616.00
Johnson, Florence H. ....	190.00
Jurczyk, Theresa ....	15,576.94
Jusko, Patricia ....	2,031.92
Kane, Maureen ....	66.00
Kargol, Edward ....	294.50
Ketschek, Joseph F. ....	15,498.96
Keyes, Lillian D. ....	14,605.84
Kiel, Anne Marie ....	4,794.71
Kingdon, Jeffrey P. ....	77.00
Konopka, Mary Ellen ....	5,282.25
Konrath, Maureen A. ....	15,908.10
Kopecka, Teresa ....	2,183.35
Korzec, Alice ....	2,048.05
Korzec, Patricia A. ....	7,116.84
Kosmider, Stephen J. ....	134.00
Koss, Anne ....	18.00
Kostreba, Laurie A. ....	1,333.50
Koslik, Philip J. ....	2,453.00
Kozlik, Stephanie J. ....	345.00
Ksieniewicz, Karen C. ....	13,826.80
Kulis, Chester ....	17,038.94
Kurr, Diane M. ....	297.00
Kusek, Norma ....	405.00
Kusek, Rudolph ....	96.00
Kuzmeski, David ....	44.00
Kuzmeski, Mary Ellen ....	12,450.52
Kwasniewski, Evelyn J. ....	14,356.44
Lachowski, Joseph ....	56.00
Lachut, Janice I. ....	1,254.94
Laino, Joseph F. ....	3,185.20
Lajzer, Christine P. ....	257.50
Landeres, Diane ....	250.00
Lavallie, Carole ....	2,116.62
Laviolette, Mary N. ....	2,461.50
Laviolette, Robert M. ....	3,186.30
Laviolette, Ronald J. ....	22,374.04
Lawrence, Sharon A. ....	4,804.32



LeBlanc, Mabel	14,605.84
Lech, Michael	236.00
LeClair, Henry J.	9,142.17
Leacock, Stephanie J.	1,949.93
Leacock, Thomas	360.00
Legault, Louise A.	13,400.74
Leman, Kathleen E.	9,760.20
Lemanski, Joanne	3,008.73
Lempart, Susan A.	12,954.68
Lempart, William J.	15,319.46
Lemon, Ruth	240.00
Les, Josephine E.	397.50
Libera, Edward	17,116.12
Livingstone, Teresa	11,070.56
Lopata, Rosemary	3,764.22
Lynch, David M.	18,050.08
Lynch, Marianne P.	88.00
Lynch, Mary P.	15,023.82
MacDonnell, Brendan J.	16,617.90
McAdam, Doris E.	1,881.01
McAllister, Robert W.	21,289.06
McComb, Eileen	448.00
McComb, Theresa L.	11,641.64
McIntyre, Carlene	192.00
McKee, Dean	22.00
McKee, Kendrick	11,068.40
McKee, Kendrick	48.00
McKee, Scott	366.80
McMahon, Jean E.	11,566.64
McManus, Mary M.	16,229.98
McQuaid, Barbara A.	14,928.94
McQueston, Marilyn Jean	11,566.64
Madison, Constance	1,463.00
Madison, Garrie A.	900.60
Magiera, Doris	2,024.83
Mailman, Carolyn S.	13,645.12
Makepeace, Allen	2,980.32
Manley, Roseleen	5,874.59
Manning, Ruth A.	1,526.85
Marciniec, Michael	12,592.40
Marciniec, Peter M.	4,892.50
Markham, Brenda G.	132.00
Marks, Valerie E.	242.00
Marsh, Patricia N.	44.00
Martel, Ronald	16.00
Mastalerz, Cecilia C.	2,148.63
Matera, Salome	2,400.00
Maynard, Marcia K.	2,841.89
Medeiros, Stephen	67.50
Metcalf, Neil T.	12,653.24
Michalski, Michael	3,205.09
Michonski, Edward	9,122.85
Minns, Maureen	1,028.98
Minor, Patricia A.	88.00
Mohamed, Alice E.	10,320.74

Morrill, Jill	150.00
Mozden, John P. Jr.	16,467.10
Mozden, Philip	12,978.76
Murphy, Claire L.	530.00
Murphy, Cornelius	135.00
Murray, Alphonse	21,010.08
Murray, Teresa	4,890.50
Muska, Ruth O.	16,980.08
Musselman, Ethel	14,928.94
Naglack, Helena	16,244.10
Nahabedian, Paul	14,666.44
Nelligan, William J.	28,649.03
Newman, Ricki E.	10,476.20
Nicholas, George	21,623.94
Nicholas, Robert	1,507.60
Niejadlik, Paul	12,574.64
Niemczura, David	236.00
Niemczura, Michael	251.10
Niemczura, Pauline	2,075.78
Nolte, William T.	16,617.90
Olearczyk, Lillian	2,046.22
Oliveira, Bernice M.	8,081.66
Oliveira, Lisa	269.00
O'Malley, Ruth C.	16,229.98
O'Neill, Mary P.	12,377.88
Oppedisano, Frank M.	15,449.84
O'Rourke, Michael S.	540.00
Orquiola, Albert	1,733.30
Orzechowski, Gail	9,953.31
Packard, Lucille K.	557.50
Partlow, Laurie	214.00
Pasterczyk, Ronald	16,760.10
Patterson, Mary L.	16,146.96
Paydos, John B.	16,980.08
Perry, Lyn Allyson	484.00
Pellegrini, Martha	22.00
Pellissier, Muriel	13,788.84
Peroulakis, Barbara S.	2,618.48
Pfisterer, Christina M.	22.00
Phaneuf, Kathryn	462.00
Pincince, Philip R.	187.00
Pincince, Sandra	7,352.36
Quesnel, Gerald	14,096.12
Quesnel, James	77.00
Rachmaciej, Joan H.	462.00
Rathbone, Bonny	3,447.36
Raymond, Steven	90.00
Reep, Sandra	192.50
Reil, Pauline C.	14,605.84
Reim, David	475.00
Reim, Francis O.	10,105.80
Reymont, Andrew	1,845.76
Ricci, Lawrence	17,368.00
Richard, Jean	22.00
Richards, Roberta A.	22.00

Riddle, John R. ....	14,928.94
Riel, Jay ....	10.00
Riggs, Sandra ....	22.00
Rinaldi, Ralph A. ....	17,568.10
Roach, Kathleen. ....	13,202.52
Rogowski, Dorothy A. ....	1,292.67
Rooney, Frances M. ....	405.00
Roszkiewicz, Melissa M. ....	308.00
Rusiecki, Mary E. ....	70.72
Russo, Rita ....	2,139.01
Sampson, George F. ....	6,444.97
Scharrett, William F. ....	9,200.58
Skowyra, William A. ....	13,502.10
Smith, Elgie ....	7,015.69
Smith, Carol ....	274.00
Smith, Doris ....	5,996.18
Smith, June D. ....	11.00
Smith, Patricia C. ....	15,908.10
Smart, Marion R. ....	313.35
St. Amand, Bernice ....	5,222.42
St. Amand, Ursula ....	14,469.06
Starsiak, Mary Jane ....	14,356.44
Sterling, Frank ....	156.00
Stolar, Joanne ....	13,645.12
Stoutimore, Garrie A. ....	11.00
Sullivan, Joyce M. ....	14,474.78
Sullivan, Laura ....	2,253.78
Supczak, Sandra ....	150.74
Swierad, Dennis ....	13,110.54
Swienton, Charlotte A. ....	13,645.12
Swist, Teresa A. ....	2,410.95
Swistak, Carol ....	433.15
Sygiel, Claire A. ....	16,499.98
Sygiel, Claire ....	945.00
Szado, Sandra M. ....	286.00
Szanderowski, Joseph ....	2,920.95
Tassinari, Kathleen ....	136.00
Taylor, Joan M. ....	14,605.84
Tenczar, Bernice ....	1,032.00
Thomas, Margaret ....	110.00
Thompson, James W. ....	14,679.68
Thurston, Edwin ....	12,812.64
Thurston, Judith M. ....	4,465.20
Tomassetti, Diane G. ....	8,687.28
Trespas, Vivian ....	597.50
Tyburski, Alphonse W. ....	9,999.85
Tyburski, George E. ....	1,687.87
Tyburski, Philip A. ....	108.95
Tyrus, Eugene M. ....	44.00
Ullery, Margaret ....	66.00
Vaz, Lori ....	200.00
Veale, Anne M. ....	11,566.64
Walulak, David M. ....	66.00
Warner, Donna M. ....	10,746.86
Warrener, John ....	11,703.10

Webb, Russell	13,274.12
Welsh, Christopher	20.00
Welshimer, Holly M.	2,185.32
Whitney, David E.	13,788.84
Wiggenhauser, Margaret F.	10,631.16
Williams, Virginia S.	324.56
Willis, Martha	14,679.68
Wilson, Eleanor D.	14,605.84
Wilson, Roberta R.	15,944.10
Witkoski, Oda	15,959.46
Woods, Harold R.A.	22,679.02
Wright, Ann V.	14,923.82
Yeames, Rebecca	12,558.54
Zajk, Cecilia	15,356.12
Zebrowski, Blanche	1,784.49
Zelazo, Lawrence	187.60

### PLUMBING INSPECTOR

There have been 54 permits issued, and during the year I made the following inspections:

- 108 House Inspections
- 32 Sewer Treatment Plant Inspections
- 3 Inspections for the Housing Court
- 1 Inspection for the Board of Health

I also made one trip for a hearing to the Housing Court in Springfield.

Very truly yours,

Henry Salamon  
Plumbing Inspector



## REPORT OF THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

During the past year 54 trees of various specie were planted throughout the town. The newly planted trees were of the disease and pollution resistant variety.

Fourteen trees were removed due to old age, decay and Verticillium Wilt. Strong wind storms severely damaged two trees that had to be removed, also breaking many limbs.

Dead wood removal on older trees and raising of low limbs on newly planted trees was done in many sections of the town. Scared trees were painted to prevent decay.

Dutch Elm Disease continues to take its toll of trees. During the year 38 diseased trees were removed in accordance with the sanitation recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources.

Every year research comes up with a recommendation that might provide a break-through to contain the Dutch Elm Disease, and every year the break-through proves to be a disappointment. Nothing to date has proved successful in checking the Elm Tree disease.

Scouting for Gypsy Moth egg masses did reveal egg clusters, however, the number of egg masses found present no problem at this time.

The Fall Web Worm often mistaken for the Gypsy Moth was heavy in certain sections of the town. The foliage stripping of the worm is primarily confined to the area around the web. Since the defoliation takes place during the latter part of July and August and the growing cycle being completed, little or no damage is sustained by the trees. In essence the Fall Web Worm is more unsightly than damaging.

Poison Ivy irradiation requests were numerous. All requests were attended to with good to excellent results.

The perennial major problem concerning the department is roadside brush maintenance. It seems nothing grows better and faster than brush. The town has many lineal miles of roadsides and blind corners to maintain. Spraying with Herbicides causes browning, making an unsightly mess on an otherwise green background. Cutting and removing the brush only stimulates more sucker growth. Hopefully, in the near future the department can resolve this problem.

During the year the department had the help of C.E.T.A. workers and Neighborhood Youth Corps workers during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stanley J. Strzemienski  
Superintendent  
Insect Pest Control

Oliver Beauregard  
Tree Warden

## BOARD OF HEALTH

The Palmer Board of Health herewith submits this report for the calendar year ending December 31, 1978.

On the dates shown herewith, Immunization Clinics were held by the Board of Health in 1978 for the following communicable diseases:

MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and DT	February 11
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and DT	April 1
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	June 10
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	August 12
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	October 14
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	November 16 & 17 (In-school)
MMR—Poliomyelitis—DPT and TD	December 2

(MMR is Measles, Mumps, Rubella)  
(DPT is Diptheria, Pertussis, Tetanus)  
(DT is Diptheria, Tetanus)  
(TD is Tetanus, Diptheria)

Influenza for Elderly November 25

and

Dog Rabies Clinic April 29

### Reportable Diseases:

Chicken Pox . . . . .	10
Dog Bites . . . . .	35
Gonorrhea . . . . .	5
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	1
Salmonellosis . . . . .	2
Streptoccal Sore Throat . . . . .	14
Viral Hepatitis . . . . .	2

### Deaths reported during 1978:

	Male	Female	Total
0 to 10 years	1	0	1
10 to 20 years	2	0	2
20 to 30 years	1	1	2
30 to 40 years	2	0	2
40 to 50 years	4	1	5
50 to 60 years	13	7	20
60 to 70 years	21	7	28
70 to 80 years	17	5	22
80 to 90 years	11	11	22
90 to 100 years	4	10	14
	<hr/> 76	<hr/> 42	<hr/> 118

## Receipts

Septic Tank .....	\$525.00
Disposal Works Installers .....	75.00
Plumbing .....	278.00
Bottling .....	40.00
Funeral Director .....	4.00
Mobile Trailer Park .....	10.00
Camp .....	20.00
Day Camp and Swimming Pool .....	10.00
Ice Cream .....	50.00
Mobile Food Server .....	5.00
Bakery Permit .....	5.00
Refreshment Stand at Flea Market .....	5.00
One-Day Food .....	10.00
Removal of Garbage .....	4.00
Inspection of Sewage Disposal System .....	<u>35.00</u>
Total .....	\$1,076.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick J. Lis  
Chairman  
Maurice R. LePage, D.S.C.  
James R. Phaneuf

# REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Scales and Balances	Adj.	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Over 10,000 lbs.	2	6	0	0
5,000 - 10,000 lbs.	3	4	0	0
1,000 - 5,000 lbs.	4	14	0	0
100 - 1,000 lbs.	15	31	0	0
10 - 100 lbs.	15	43	0	0
10 lbs. or less	7	12	0	0
Totals	46	110	0	0

## Weights

Avoidupois	0	96	0	0
Metric	0	66	6	0
Apothecary	0	52	5	0
Totals	0	214	11	0

## Liquid Measuring Meters

Inlet One Inch or Less				
Gasoline	15	70	0	0
Oil, Grease	0	8	0	0
Inlet More than One Inch				
Vehicle Tank	1	13	0	0
Totals	16	91	0	0
Fabric Measuring Devices	0	0	0	0
Linear Measurers —				
Yardsticks	0	0	0	0

## Trial Weightings and Measurements of Commodities Sold or Put Up for Sale

Commodity	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	258	213	18	27
Butter	160	136	9	15
Charcoal	97	84	9	4
Confectionary	264	219	19	26
Provisions	572	486	44	42
Flour	84	76	2	6
Fruits & Vegetables	471	413	46	12
Meats	722	671	22	29
Potatoes	84	58	10	16
Milk	166	103	26	37
Totals	2878	2459	205	214



Inspections:

Unit Pricing	64
Cord Wood	27
Food Packages	3064
Charcoal	97
Milk Jars — Cartons	166
Gasoline (Other than sealing)	164
Fuel Oil Meters (Other than sealing)	61
Scales	110
Pedlar's License	8
Pedlar's Junk Scale	0
Total	3761

Appropriation Balance January 1, 1978	\$1313.62
Expenditures January 1, 1978 — June 30, 1978	<u>1228.86</u>
Balance	\$ 84.76

Appropriation July 1, 1978—June 30, 1979	\$2415.00
Expenditures July 1, 1978— December 31, 1978	<u>1069.37</u>
Balance	\$1345.63

Sealing Fees Collected	\$1096.80
Sealing Fees Paid to Town Treasurer	\$1096.80

The foregoing comprises my report for the period ending December 31, 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Jasak  
Sealer of Weights & Measures

## REPORT OF THE PALMER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

During the year this Commission was the recipient of the gift of a Circa 1845 farmhouse on Mt. Dumplin Road from Mr. Joseph Battaglia, the developer of the Meadowbrook Green Condominiums. It is hoped that at some future date this will be the repository for the historical artifacts and memorabilia of the Town of Palmer and its inhabitants. A historical research library would also be an aim of this Commission. However, there is much work to be done on the restoration of the building and establishing the necessary security provisions. With the help of Mr. Charles Lennon of the Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission, State & Federal funding will be persued.

Our thanks also to Mrs. Herbert Bishop who so kindly gave us shutters with which to cover the windows. Much of this old glass is irreplaceable and the shutters are a great help in preventing vandalism. Also our thanks to the many young people who assisted in putting them up.

Mr. Lennon has been very helpful to this Commission in the continued cataloging of the historical inventory of the Town. He has taken many of the photographs which are required by the inventory.

Respectfully submitted,

Palmer Historical Commission

Reginald Gale, Chairman  
Daniel Fogarty, Vice Chairman  
Marion F. Lis, Historian  
Margaret Donovan, Secretary  
Doris Nahabedian, Treasurer  
William Wadas  
Stephen Lebida

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

### EXPENDITURES AND ASSESSMENTS

#### Local Expenditures:

Appropriations .....	\$6,056,053.11
Amt. Certified by Treasurer	
for tax title foreclosure .....	3,000.00
Overlay deficits of prior years .....	56,923.15
Total offsets .....	25,688.13
Urban Renewal & Library Renovation	
(Serial Loans) .....	33,916.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional	
Planning Commission .....	<u>1,401.60</u>

Total Local Expenditures	\$ 6,176,981.99
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#### Assessments:

State Assessments .....	64,722.53
Under Assessments .....	2,321.78
County Assessments .....	<u>199,215.48</u>

Total State & County Assessments	266,259.79
Overlay	<u>186,601.68</u>

Gross Amount To Be Raised	\$ 6,629,843.46
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### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

#### Total Estimated Receipts From The

State .....	\$ 1,437,798.58
Prior Year Overestimates .....	30,332.50
Local Estimated Receipts .....	641,366.70
Available Funds .....	413,156.86
Available Funds To Reduce	
The Tax Rate .....	<u>175,000.00</u>

Total Estimated Receipts And	
Available Funds	<u>\$ 2,697,654.64</u>

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$ 3,932,188.82
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### TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

Real Property Valuations .....	\$109,111,741.00
Personal Property Valuations .....	<u>8,267,030.00</u>
Total Property Valuations	<u><u>\$117,378,771.00</u></u>

TAX RATE — \$33.50 Per M.

Real Property Tax .....	\$ 3,655,243.32
Personal Property Tax .....	<u>276,945.50</u>
Total Taxes Levied on Property .....	\$ 3,932,188.82

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Swiatlowski  
 Anthony Oliveira  
 Alvin C. Rondeau

Board of Assessors

## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Fiscal year July 1, 1977 — June 30, 1978

### Account of 1970

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$ 4,275.48	
Paid Treasurer	1,881.21	
Abatements	<u>2,394.27</u>	
Outstanding June 30, 1978		-0-

### Account of 1971

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$ 4,486.68	
Paid Treasurer	1,940.74	
Abatements	<u>2,545.94</u>	
Outstanding June 30, 1978		-0-

### Account of 1972

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$12,703.35	
Interest	<u>134.82</u>	
		\$12,838.17
Paid Treasurer	2,389.12	
Abatements	<u>2,530.66</u>	
		4,919.78
Outstanding June 30, 1978		<u>\$ 7,918.39</u>

### Account of 1973

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$12,493.73	
Interest	<u>191.28</u>	
		\$12,685.01
Paid Treasurer	3,096.23	
Abatements	<u>2,924.64</u>	
		6,020.87
Outstanding June 30, 1978		<u>\$ 6,664.14</u>



### Account of 1974

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$ 6,201.10	
Interest	<u>140.31</u>	6,341.41
Paid Treasurer	1,787.35	
Abatements	<u>1,441.11</u>	3,228.46
Outstanding June 30, 1978		\$ 3,112.95

### Account of 1975

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$11,136.58	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	38.50	
Interest	<u>417.80</u>	11,592.88
Paid Treasurer	4,437.91	
Abatements	<u>2,801.11</u>	7,239.02
Outstanding June 30, 1978		\$ 4,353.86

### Account of 1976

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$42,506.93	
Additional Assessor's Warrants to be collected	5,483.95	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	581.25	
Real Estate taxes abated after payment	25,783.00	
Personal Property taxes abated after payment	1,265.00	
Interest	<u>1,939.73</u>	77,559.86
Paid Treasurer	38,463.53	
Abatements	32,461.29	
Tax Title	<u>1,113.29</u>	72,038.11
Outstanding June 30, 1978		5,521.75

### Account of 1977

Outstanding July 1, 1977	\$293,957.67
Additional Assessor's Warrants to be collected	136,585.93
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	4,204.52
Real Estate taxes abated after payment	28,702.58
Personal Property taxes abated after payment	1,512.50

Interest	<u>7,022.35</u>	
		471,985.55
Paid Treasurer	327,934.90	
Abatements	51,868.83	
Tax Title	1,762.21	
Subsequent Tax	<u>43,985.22</u>	
		<u>425,551.16</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1978		\$ 46,434.39

#### Account of 1978

Assessor's Warrants to be		
Collected	\$4,493,405.36	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes		
abated after payment	1,742.24	
Real Estate taxes abated		
after payment	944.85	
Personal Property taxes abated		
after payment	976.25	
Interest	<u>4,650.56</u>	
		\$4,501,719.26
Paid Treasurer	4,014,341.76	
Abatements	<u>179,305.58</u>	
		<u>4,193,647.34</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1978		\$ 308,071.92

Trailer Coach Fees	
Received from July 1, 1977 -	
June 30, 1978	\$ 10,770.00
Paid Treasurer	\$ 10,770.00

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Dranka  
Tax Collector

## TOWN TREASURER

Following is my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 and ending June 30, 1978.

Balance on hand July 1, 1977 .....\$ 1,782,577.86

### RECEIPTS

Taxes—1978 .....	3,985,779.13
Taxes—Previous Years .....	373,723.68
Tax Title Redemptions .....	54,827.84
Trailer Park Fees .....	10,770.00
Federal Withholding Taxes .....	407,135.84
State Withholding Taxes .....	151,038.14
County Retirement.....	44,312.33
Blue Cross-Blue Shield.....	126,627.70
Group Life Insurance.....	5,430.40
Redemption of Certificates of Deposit .....	1,700,000.00
Tax Anticipation of Revenue Loan .....	800,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan	
Purchase of Library .....	210,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan	
Renovation of Lilbrary.....	570,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan	
Water Pollution Project No. 279 .....	879,700.00
Serial Loan	
Water Pollution Project No. 279 .....	86,750.00
Anticipation of Federal Grant Loan	
Water Pollution Project No. 279 .....	800,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan	
Industrial Park Urban Renewal Project .....	35,000.00
Reimbursement—U.S. Treasury—Water Pollution	
Control Project Grant No. C250 279 01 EPA .....	1,802,500.00
Reimbursement—U.S. Treasury—Water Pollution	
Control Project Grant No. C250 584 01 EPA.....	67,700.00
Reimbursement—Division of Water Pollution	
Control—WPC-Mass-279 .....	620,866.00
Reimbursement—Divison of Water Pollution	
Control—WPC-Mass-584 .....	22,417.00
Economic Development Administration	
Public Works Projects	
Development of Recreational Facilities .....	67,511.16
Road Reconstruction.....	26,000.00
Transfer of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds	
to Police Salaries Account .....	239,993.60
Transfer of Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance Funds	
to Police Salaries.....	6,031.00
to Purchase of Forest Fire Truck .....	21,712.00
Telephone Tax Payment—Agency Account	
Town—Real and Personal Property Taxes .....	54,166.95
Reimbursements and Distributions from State	
Veterans Services.....	16,294.93
School Aid—Chapter 70 .....	463,200.83

Peddler's License .....	18.00
School Transportation—Chapter 71 .....	86,068.00
High School Building Assistance .....	16,734.00
Loss of Taxes—Abatements to Widows .....	2,800.00
Loss of Taxes—Abatements to Veterans .....	2,800.44
Loss of Taxes—Abatements to Blind Persons .....	1,095.47
Highways—Chapter 90 Improvement .....	11,791.00
Loss of Taxes—State Owned Land .....	16,988.40
Highway and Transit Development	
1974—Chapter 825 .....	83,702.94
Highway Fund—1971—Chapter 497 .....	68,272.72
School Aid—Special Needs—Chapter 71B .....	245,649.00
Education Handicapped Children—Title V	
PL 93380 .....	3,900.00
State Aid—Vocational Schools—Chapter 74,	
Section 9 & 10 .....	12,043.00
Education Assistance—Children of Low Income	
Families—Title I .....	74,160.00
Education—Project MORE .....	27,300.00
Consolidation Certain Educational Programs	
PL 93380—Title IV .....	14,000.00
Library Learning Resources Title IV	
Part B—Project E 1476 .....	5,794.25
Bureau of Library Extension	
Special Project 7036 - 2201 .....	4,002.06
Bureau of Library Extension LSCA Title I .....	200.00
Direct State Aid Grant—Public Libraries .....	4,408.13
Library Services Construction Act—Title I	
Project 7036 - 2201 .....	5,117.94
Local Aid Fund—Lottery—Beano .....	84,558.02
Local Aid Fund—Chapter 58, Section 18C	
Additional Assistance .....	53,888.94
Dog License Fees for County .....	3,675.75
Receipts from County	
Rental of District Court Facilities .....	6,600.00
Court Fines .....	1,627.75
Dog Refund .....	2,907.83
Licenses, Fees, Permits	
Board of Selectmen .....	1,775.00
Board of License Commissioners .....	9,651.00
Board of Health .....	1,245.00
Gas Inspections .....	48.00
Wire Inspections .....	1,465.00
Town Clerk .....	540.00
Planning Board .....	1,465.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	725.10
Police Department .....	3,165.00
Dog Officer .....	60.00
Sewer Connections .....	1,800.00
Board of Appeals .....	175.00
Conservation Commission .....	100.00
Building Inspection .....	1,114.00
Other Receipts	
School Lunch Program .....	182,575.89
School Athletic Program .....	8,146.50



Rental of School Facilities .....	89.00
Use of Lock-Up .....	600.00
Public Telephone Commission .....	36.08
Pioneer Valley Cablevision License Fees .....	1,404.50
Rental of Memorial Hall .....	25.00
Off Duty Work Detail—Police Department .....	27,446.75
Settlement of Claim Damage—Police Department .....	311.10
Settlement of Claim Damage—Boundary Marker .....	260.00
Settlement of Claim Damage—Highway Department .....	840.50
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.—Dividend .....	1,694.00
Sale of Scrap at Sanitary Landfill .....	242.02
Reimbursement—Computer Services and Tax Bills .....	475.56
Reimbursement—Excavating for Utility Service .....	134.45
Sale of Used Forest Fire Truck .....	817.83
Reimbursement—Leo J. Santucci Pension	
From City of Springfield .....	14,999.17
From Town of South Hadley .....	2,475.68
Sale of Bicentennial Plaque .....	35.00
Reimbursement for Prisoner's Meal .....	1.52
Reimbursement—Stamps in deed of real estate	
property .....	7.98
Reimbursement—School Tuition .....	2,809.98
Reimbursement—Census for School Cards .....	840.00
Interest on Trust Funds	
Merrick Fund .....	45.24
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	5,184.69
Conservation Fund .....	1,706.02
Interest on:	
Taxes .....	13,234.21
Savings Accounts .....	30,551.79
Certificates of Deposit .....	10,534.56
Water Pollution Control Project -	
Savings Account .....	14,923.03
Accrued Interest on Anticipation of Serial Loan	
Water Pollution Control Project .....	1,240.00
Refunds:	
Veterans' Services .....	1,873.48
Park Department .....	78.40
Tax Collectors' Department .....	73.52
Water Pollution Control Project No. 279 .....	15,000.00
Receipts .....	14,853,633.72
Receipts plus Cash on July 1, 1977 .....	16,636,211.58
Less: Disbursements during fiscal year .....	15,135,139.87
Balance on Hand — June 30, 1978 .....	1,501,071.71

## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Entitlement #6		
Balance—July 1, 1977	\$114,331.11	
Interest	<u>1,877.77</u>	
Total	\$116,208.88	
Less Disbursements—Police		
Salaries	112,229.16	
Balance—June 30, 1978		\$ 3,979.72
Entitlement #7		
Balance—July 1, 1977	\$129,243.84	
Interest	<u>5,640.43</u>	
Total	\$134,884.27	
Less Disbursements—Police		
Salaries	127,764.44	
Balance—June 30, 1978		\$ 7,119.83
Entitlement #8		
Balance—July 1, 1977	\$ 64,284.00	
Receipts during year	130,511.00	
Interest	<u>7,112.26</u>	
Total	\$201,907.26	
Balance—June 30, 1978		\$201,907.26
Entitlement #9		
Receipts during year	\$ 99,430.00	
Interest	<u>576.03</u>	
Total	\$100,006.03	
Balance—June 30, 1978		\$100,006.03
Total Balance—June 30, 1978		\$313,012.84

## SUMMARY OF ANTI RECESSION FISCAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

Balance—July 1, 1977	\$ 36,210.95	
Receipts during year	12,802.00	
Interest	<u>2,044.27</u>	
Total	\$ 51,057.22	
Less Disbursements:		
Police Salaries	6,031.00	
Purchase of Forest Fire Truck	<u>21,712.00</u>	
Balance—June 30, 1978		\$ 23,314.22

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Gill  
Town Treasurer

## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I herewith submit the following Financial Reports for the fiscal period, July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978:

- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Cash Receipts
- Statement of Cash Disbursements
- Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures  
and Balances
- Statement of Antirecession Fiscal Assistance  
Program Funds
- Statement of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds
- Statement of Bonded Indebtedness
- Reserve Account Transfers

In conjunction with the sale of \$1,840,000 in General Obligation Bonds for Wastewater Treatment facilities and Purchase and Renovation of the new Library on June 15, 1979 the Town Accountant provided extensive documentation for the Offering Circular on the Town's Indebtedness, Comparative Balance Sheets, Surplus and Revenue and Comparative Budgets.

The Accounting Department was called upon to provide documentation to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Education, in conjunction with an official Audit of the 1962 High School Addition. This was an enormous task considering the lapse of time between the actual construction and the year of the audit.

The Bureau of Accounts, Department of Revenue, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, began an audit of the Town's books in October for the fiscal period, July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978. In addition to the examination of financial statements, specific observations and recommendations will be made relating to compliance with State and Local laws, internal control, accounting practices, policies, systems and procedures according to the guidelines of the Office of Revenue Sharing, Department of the Treasury. The audit was still in progress on December 31, 1978.

Stanley J. Bigda  
Town Accountant

# TOWN OF PLAMER, MASSACHUSETTS

## BALANCE SHEET — JUNE 30, 1978

### GENERAL ACCOUNTS

#### ASSETS

Cash:  
 General Revenue  
 Non-Revenue  
 Federal Revenue Sharing  
 Certificates of Deposit  
 Antirecession Fiscal Assistance  
 E.D.A. Letter of Credit Account

839,679.90  
 649,689.17  
 313,012.84  
 400,000.00  
 23,314.22  
11,702.64 2,237,398.77

#### Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:  
 1972 Levy:  
 Real Estate  
 FY-1974 Levy:  
 Personal Property  
 FY-1975 Levy:  
 Personal Property  
 FY-1976 Levy:  
 Real Estate  
 Personal Property  
 FY-1977 Levy:  
 Real Estate  
 Personal Property  
 FY-1978 Levy:  
 Real Estate  
 Personal Property

17.14  
 61.82  
 1,181.00  
 2,595.09  
 1,514.20  
 35,919.73  
 2,118.33  
 243,064.74  
7,886.01

#### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Gifts and Bequests:  
 Council on Aging

319.15

Trust Fund Income:  
 Fuller Fund for Parks and Schools

457.27

Federal Grants:  
 Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund  
 Antirecession Fiscal Assistance  
 Trust Fund  
 Library Services and Construction  
 Act—Title I

313,012.84  
 16,024.57  
 59.48

329,096.89

#### Schools:

PL-89-10 Title I  
 Geo. Barden/Smith Hughes Fund  
 PL 93-380 Title 4-B  
 PL 85-864 Title 3  
 PL 8508 Title 3  
 PL 93-380 Title 4

16,682.73  
 22.66  
 207.32  
 507.43  
 7,001.71  
32.24

24,454.09

#### State Grants:

Aid to Free Public Libraries

294,358.06

28.13



# ASSETS

Motor Vehicle Excise:					
1972	7,802.64				
1973	7,539.74				
1974	2,426.12				
1975	3,219.84				
1976	4,017.55				
1977	22,671.90				
1978	81,033.24	128,711.03			
Farm Animal Excise:					
1977		115.50			
Tax Titles					
Tax Possessions		159,123.63			
		717.94			
Departmental:					
Selectmen	225.00				
Veterans' Services—State	6,312.38				
Schools	344.00				
Cemetery	3,384.17				
State Aid to Highways		10,265.55			
Revenue, FY-1979		99,591.00			
Loans Authorized:					
Water Pollution Control Project	1,966,900.00				
Palmer Industrial Park Project	114,500.00				
Purchase of Library Building	99,723.00				
Renovation of Library Bldg.	285,000.00	2,466,123.00			
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES					
Revolving Funds:					
School Lunch	3,458.09				
School Athletics	4,265.48				7,723.57
Appropriation Control:					
FY-1979					5,985,249.00
Temporary Loans:					
Anticipation of Serial Loans:					
Water Pollution Control Project	786,750.00				
Purchase of Library Building	105,000.00				
Renovation of Library Building	285,000.00				
Palmer Industrial Park Project	35,000.00				1,211,750.00
Anticipation of Federal Grant:					
Water Pollution Control Project					800,000.00
State Assessments:					
Chapter 766, Special Education, FY-1978					11,196.00
Payroll Deductions:					
County Retirement	4,430.89				
Group Health Insurance	15,916.40				
Group Life Insurance	785.68				21,132.97

## ASSETS

Unprovided for or Overdrawn  
Accounts:

Underestimates:

State Parks and Recreation  
Areas, FY-1978  
Lower Pioneer Valley Air  
Pollution Control  
Chapter 766, Special Education,  
FY-1977

1,484.87  
62.91  
1,152.00

2,699.78

Overlay Deficits:

FY-1974 Levy  
FY-1975 Levy  
FY-1977 Levy  
FY-1978 Levy

4,365.75  
2,801.11  
27,882.57  
21,873.72

56,923.15

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Overpayments to be Refunded:

Veterans' Services Recovery:  
Due State

869.51

Agency:

County—Dog Licenses 630.55  
Police—Off Duty Detail 2,590.00  
Tax Title Redemption Due Districts 638.47

3,859.02

Tailings:

Unclaimed Checks

663.95

Appropriation Balances:

Revenue  
Non-Revenue

454,264.63  
723,710.32 1,177,974.95

Loans Authorized and Unissued:

Water Pollution Control Project  
Palmer Industrial Park Project

218,800.00  
79,500.00 298,300.00

Overestimates:

County Tax, FY-1977  
County Tax, FY-1978

3,222.97  
27,109.53 30,332.50

Sale of Real Estate Fund

9,000.00

Sale of Cemetery Lots

23,196.00

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus

35,596.55

## ASSETS

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

### Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

1970 Levy	1,992.00
1971 Levy	2,420.59
1972 Levy	566.65
FY-1976 Levy	42,483.54
	<u>47,462.78</u>

### Revenues Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise	128,711.03
Farm Animal Excise	115.50
Tax Titles and Possessions	159,841.57
Departmental	10,265.55
Aid to Highways	99,591.00
	<u>398,524.65</u>

### Surplus Revenue

	<u>955,318.43</u>
	<u>11,372,505.41</u>

11,372,505.41

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:			
Inside Debt Limit:			
General	98,800.00		
Outside Debt Limit:			
General	2,160,000.00		
Serial Loans:			
Inside Debt Limit:			
General:			
School Construction		20,000.00	
Sewer Construction		78,800.00	98,800.00
Outside Debt Limit:			
General:			
School Construction		120,000.00	
Local Flood Control		85,000.00	
Palmer Industrial Park			
Urban Renewal			
Project			
		1,955,000.00	2,160,000.00
			2,258,800.00



## TRUST FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS

### ASSETS

Trust Funds and Investments:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer

143,356.90

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143,356.90

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### LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

In Custody of Treasurer:

Thompson Fund—Welfare

Merrick Fund—Schools

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

Inez Burleigh Fuller School Fund

Inez Burleigh Fuller Park Fund

Conservation Fund

951.28

850.00

94,658.00

1,000.00

2,000.00

43,897.62

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143,356.90

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# STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS

Year ending June 30, 1978

## TAXES — LOCAL:

Current Year's Levy:

Real Estate	\$3,576,770.19	
Personal Property	<u>289,511.87</u>	\$3,866,282.06

Prior Year's Levy:

Real Estate	44,432.30	
Personal Property	2,336.16	
Tax Title Redemption	<u>54,827.84</u>	101,596.30

Other Local Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Excise	445,152.89	
Farm Animal Excise	1,299.40	
Trailer Coach Fees—1977	5,330.00	
Trailer Coach Fees—1978	<u>5,440.00</u>	457,222.29

Total Taxes — Local \$4,425,100.65

## STATE SHARED TAXES:

Education Basis	463,200.83	
Local Aid Fund—Lottery	84,558.02	
Local Aid Fund—General Fund Distribution	53,888.94	
Loss of Taxes: State Properties	<u>23,684.31</u>	
Total State Shared Taxes		625,332.10

## LICENSES:

From State:		
Peddler's License	18.00	
From Town:		
Alcoholic Beverages	9,651.00	
Licenses issued by Selectmen	1,755.00	
Licenses issued by Board of Health	1,245.00	
Gas Storage Renewals	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Licenses		13,069.00

PERMITS 1,883.00

FINES — COURT 1,627.75

## GRANTS AND GIFTS:

Federal:		
Federal Revenue Sharing— Trust Fund—Transfer to Police Salaries		239,993.60
Public Works Employment Act of 1976—Trust Fund Transfer to:		
Police Salaries		6,031.00
Purchase of Forest Fire Truck		6,593.00

School:

School Aid—Title I	24,975.00	
Title I ESEA	49,185.00	
Title 6-B	3,900.00	
Project MORE—Title 4	41,300.00	
Library Learning Resource— Title 4-B	5,794.25	
Bureau of Library Extension— Title I	<u>5,670.00</u>	130,824.25

All Other:

Visual Resources Grant— Library	200.00	
Library Service & Constr. Act—Title I Proj. 8-A	2,700.00	
Library Service & Constr. Act—Title I Proj. 8-F	<u>750.00</u>	3,650.00

Other Purposes:

Water Pollution Control Project	<u>1,892,617.00</u>	
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Total Grants from Federal Government 2,027,091.25

GRANTS FROM STATE:

School:

School Building Assistance	16,734.00	
Tuition & Transportation— Ch. 71-Sec. A	86,068.00	
Special Needs Program	245,649.00	
Vocational Education & Transportation	<u>12,043.00</u>	360,494.00

Other Purposes:

Library Aid	4,408.13	
Highways—Chapter 825	83,702.94	
Highways—Chapter 497	68,272.72	
Water Pollution Control Project—State Grant	<u>620,866.00</u>	777,249.79

Total Grants from State 1,137,743.79

GRANTS FROM COUNTY:

Dog Fund 3,675.75

FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES:

General Government:

Planning Board	1,465.00	
Board of Appeals	<u>175.00</u>	1,640.00

Public Safety:

Wire Inspection	1,465.00	
Gas Inspection	48.00	
Police Dept.—Accident Reports	1,422.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	725.10	
Conservation Commission	100.00	
Dog Release Fees	60.00	
Building Inspection	1,114.00	
Petroleum Storage	<u>20.00</u>	4,954.10

Highways:		
Highway Dept. Sewer Connections	1,800.00	
Schools:		
Rental of Facilities	<u>89.00</u>	
Total Fees for Current Services		8,483.10
<b>REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT EXPENSES:</b>		
Highways:		
Chapter 90 Improvement	11,791.00	
Veterans' Services:		
Reimbursement for Relief	<u>17,136.43</u>	
Total Reimbursement for Current Expenses		28,927.43
<b>REVOLVING FUNDS ACCOUNTS:</b>		
School Lunch Program	182,575.89	
School Athletic Program	8,146.50	
Police—Off Duty Work Detail	<u>27,446.75</u>	
Total Revolving Funds Account		218,169.14
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>		
Sale of Used Forest Fire Truck	817.83	
Schools	3,649.98	
Tax Collector's Agency Acct.—Real & Personal Property Taxes	54,166.95	
Dividend Policy	1,694.00	
Repairs—Guard Rails, Signs, Cruisers	1,411.60	
Reimbursement—Personal Property Tax Forms—Collector's Office	230.33	
Reimbursement—Leo J. Santucci Pension	17,474.85	
License Fee —Pioneer Cablevision	1,404.50	
All Other	<u>457.05</u>	
Total Unclassified		81,307.09
<b>INTEREST:</b>		
On Deposits	45,248.28	
On Taxes and Assessments	13,460.75	
On Certificates of Deposit	10,534.56	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	5,184.69	
Anticipation of Serial Loan— Water Pollution Control Project	1,240.00	
Conservation	1,706.02	
Merrick Fund	<u>45.24</u>	
Total Interest		77,419.54
<b>MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:</b>		
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	800,000.00	



Anticipation of Serial Loan—Water Pollution Control Project	700,000.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan—Urban Renewal Project	35,000.00	
Anticipation of Federal Grant—Water Pollution Control Project	800,000.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan—Purchase of Library Bldg.	210,000.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan—Water Pollution Control Project	266,450.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan—Renovation of Library Bldg.	<u>570,000.00</u>	
Total Municipal Indebtedness		3,381,450.00

#### RENTALS:

Town Building & Properties	7,225.00
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#### AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENTS:

Dog Licenses for County	2,666.00	
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal	407,135.84	
State	151,038.14	
County Retirement	44,312.33	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	126,627.70	
Life Insurance Premiums	<u>5,430.40</u>	734,544.41
Investments:		
Certificates of Deposit	<u>1,700,000.00</u>	
Total Agency, Trust and Investments		2,437,210.41

#### REFUNDS:

General Departments:		
Dog Refund—Hampden County	241.83	
Veterans' Benefits	1,110.38	
Computer Service Tax Bills	318.75	
Water Pollution Control Project	<u>15,000.00</u>	
Total Refunds		16,670.96

TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,745,003.56
Add Cash Balance, July 1, 1977	<u>1,782,577.86</u>
	16,527,581.42
Less Cash Disbursements	<u>15,038,212.35</u>
Cash Balance, June 30, 1978	1,489,369.07

# FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

FY-1978

ENTITLEMENT NO.	BALANCE JULY 1, 1977	RECEIPTS — FY-1978 PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL	EXPENDITURES FY-1978	BALANCE JUNE 30, 1978
6	114,331.11	----	1,877.77	116,208.88	112,229.16	3,979.72
7	129,243.84	----	5,640.43	134,884.27	127,764.44	7,119.83
8	64,284.00	130,511.00	7,112.26	201,907.26	----	201,907.26
9	----	99,430.00	576.03	100,006.03	----	100,006.03
TOTALS	307,858.95	229,941.00	15,206.49	553,006.44	239,993.60	313,012.84

**ANTIRECESSION FISCAL ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM FUNDS**

**PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYMENT ACT OF**

**1976**

Balance, July 1, 1977	36,210.95
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Receipts:

Entitlements:

Qtr. Beginning July 1, 1977	\$ 8,134.00	
Qtr. Beginning Oct. 1, 1977	2,667.00	
Qtr. Beginning Apr. 1, 1978	<u>2,001.00</u>	
	12,802.00	
Interest—FY-1978	<u>2,044.27</u>	<u>14,846.27</u>
		51,057.22

Expenditures:

Purchase of Forest Fire Truck	21,712.00	
Police Salaries	<u>6,031.00</u>	<u>27,743.00</u>
Balance, June 30, 1978		23,314.22

# STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ending June 30, 1978

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### SELECTMEN:

Board Salaries	4,835.25	
Secretary's Salary	3,031.88	
Office Expense & Supplies	2,016.25	
Telephone	1,179.27	
Travel & Conferences	1,085.92	
Town Meeting Expenses	489.06	
Warrant Expenses	439.07	
Contract Negotiations	762.50	
Office Equipment Maintenance	126.57	13,965.77

### SELECTMEN'S CONTINGENT ACCOUNT:

House Numbering	150.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	700.38	850.38

### TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	13,663.65	
Clerical	7,027.28	
Travel & Conferences	166.09	
Office Expense & Supplies	204.64	21,061.66

### TOWN TREASURER:

Salary	13,169.10	
Clerical	7,188.30	
Telephone	292.83	
Office Expense & Supplies	1,706.26	
Rental—Postage Meter	738.38	
Maintenance of Office Equipment	152.72	
Bond Certification and Registration Fees	305.50	
Travel	395.30	
Data Processing Service	1,734.26	
Surety Bond	342.00	26,024.65

### TAX COLLECTOR:

Salary	9,194.85	
Clerical	14,446.58	
Office Expense & Supplies	1,198.45	
Telephone	414.95	
Surety Bond	441.00	
Travel, Dues, Misc.	355.73	
Stationery & Postage	4,321.80	
Printing Tax Bills	1,351.24	
Rental—Postage Meter	226.82	31,951.42

### TOWN CLERK:

Salary	5,161.80	
Clerical	7,204.05	
Telephone	334.45	
Office Expense & Supplies	1,137.57	13,837.87



**ELECTION & REGISTRATION:**

Registrars' Salaries	2,181.09	
Election Officers	1,243.67	
Tally Sheets/Voting Lists	884.10	
Street Lists	637.50	
Misc. Election Expenses	174.56	
Office Expense & Supplies	263.08	
Registration & Listing	3,671.61	9,055.61

**ASSESSORS:**

Board Salaries	5,289.90	
Clerical	11,774.00	
Telephone	421.11	
Photostats	433.00	
Office Expense & Supplies	3,630.66	
Travel	1,378.53	
Assessor's Engineering	900.00	
Computer Maintenance Costs	561.25	24,388.45

**LAW AND CLAIMS:**

Salary of Town Counsel	3,307.50	
Special Legal Services	195.00	
Claims & Expenses	1,449.35	4,951.85

Roger B. DeHayes vs. School Committee, Town of Palmer	16,782.40
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Rose Barone vs. Town of Palmer	4,944.78
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<b>LICENSE COMMISSION EXPENSES:</b>	347.10
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**MEMORIAL HALL:**

Custodian's Salary	2,700.03	
Electricity & Water	802.35	
Building Repairs	340.55	
General Supplies	942.47	
Snow Removal	112.00	
Fuel	2,398.08	7,295.48

**PALMER TOWN BUILDING:**

Custodian's Salary	3,422.27	
Care of Grounds—Labor	600.00	
Lights/Heat/Power	7,543.44	
Gen. Bldg. Supplies/Expenses	1,003.96	
Misc. Repairs	693.82	
Repairs to Air Conditioner	646.28	13,909.77

<b>TOWN ENGINEER SALARY</b>	5,503.68
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Salary of Secretary	551.25	
Office Expense & Supplies	491.44	1,042.69

**PLANNING BOARD:**

Salary of Secretary	661.50	
Clerical	5,619.38	
Office Expense & Supplies	470.37	
Telephone	301.42	7,052.67
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**BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSES** 158.67

**PERSONNEL BOARD EXPENSES** 6.03

**COUNCIL ON AGING EXPENSES** 3,440.46

Council on Aging—Memorial Fund  
Withdrawals 73.85

**TOWN MODERATOR** 110.25

**PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** 3,505.29

**PALMER INDUSTRIAL PARK URBAN RENEWAL** 19,037.93

**TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT** 229,298.71

**PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY****POLICE:**

Salary of Chief	19,499.40	
Patrolmen	204,828.99	
Clerical	24,326.99	
Matron & Other Services	185.30	
School Crossing Guards	12,692.50	
Court Prosecutor	3,183.40	
Clothing & Equipment for Men	3,096.20	
Gas & Oil	12,995.43	
Radio Repairs	408.18	
Maintenance of Cruisers	4,402.01	
Electricity	67.28	
Telephone	1,863.74	
Office Expense & Supplies	2,110.29	
Lock-up Expense (meals, etc.)	124.26	
Officer's Training School	485.53	
Law Enforcement, Drugs, Narc.	90.50	290,360.00
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**Auxiliary Police Expenses:**

Gas	312.43	
Repairs	577.76	
Supplies	993.54	1,883.73
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**CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S SALARY** 401.31

**FOREST WARDEN:**

Salary	1,984.50	
Telephone	105.72	
Fires	31.00	
Gas & Oil	100.25	

Supplies/Repairs	1,069.35	
OUT-OF-DISTRICT FIRES	<u>2,148.00</u>	5,438.82
ARTICLE 6 STM 1-17-77		
Purchase of Forest Fire Truck		6,593.00
<b>TREE DEPARTMENT:</b>		
Labor	1,372.80	
Trucking	1,092.00	
Supplies/Repairs	1,343.53	
Trees for Planting	<u>1,064.00</u>	4,872.33
<b>BRUSH &amp; WEED CONTROL:</b>		
Labor	2,722.20	
Trucking	1,800.00	
Supplies/Repairs	<u>313.90</u>	4,836.10
<b>DUTCH ELM DISEASE:</b>		
Labor	2,472.60	
Trucking	1,992.00	
Equipment Hire	467.61	
Supplies/Repairs	<u>431.14</u>	5,363.35
<b>INSECT PEST CONTROL:</b>		
Labor	1,762.80	
Trucking	1,320.00	
Supplies/Repairs	<u>244.38</u>	3,327.18
<b>SELAER:</b>		
Salary	1,575.00	
Telephone	105.72	
Travel	464.35	
Equipment & Supplies	<u>163.50</u>	2,308.57
<b>DOG OFFICER:</b>		
Salary	1,102.50	
Boarding of Dogs	1,658.00	
Destroying Dogs	658.00	
Telephone	105.72	
Electricity	208.11	
Travel	247.02	
Misc. Repairs/Supplies	212.17	
Telephone Answering Service		
Machine	<u>169.00</u>	4,360.52
<b>GAS INSPECTOR — SALARY</b>		300.00
<b>TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS</b>		82.70
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSES</b>		326.24
<b>WIRE INSPECTOR — SALARY</b>		1,176.00

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

27.39

**BUILDING INSPECTOR — Salary & Expenses**

1,940.83

**TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS  
AND PROPERTIES**

333,598.07

**HEALTH AND SANITATION****HEALTH, BOARD OF:**

Board Salaries	2,024.96	
Agent	489.46	
Office Expense & Supplies	770.20	
Travel	1,177.55	
Palmer Visiting Nurse Ass'n.		
P.H. & T.B. Follow-up		
Visits	192.00	
Quabog Valley Visiting		
Nurse Ass'n.	10,000.00	
Telephone	303.71	
Clinics	1,595.77	
Plumbing Inspector—		
Salary & Expenses	771.75	
Vermín Control—		
Salary	330.75	
Expenses	92.00	
Rat Bait	237.60	
Milk Inspector—		
Salary & Expenses	290.46	
Parochial School Doctor	220.50	
Animal Inspector	826.88	
Clerical	638.35	19,961.94

**SANITARY LANDFILL:**

Contracted Services	28,814.32	
Other Expenses	650.60	
Salary of Caretaker	5,678.40	35,143.32

**GARBAGE COLLECTION**

21,600.00

FY78 - Art. 18 - Valley		
Human Services		7,000.00

FY78 - Art. 16 - AMBULANCE		
SERVICE SUBSIDY		28,000.00

**SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:**

Equipment Hire	960.00	
Supplies	1,119.65	
Cleaning Catch Basins	1,920.00	3,999.65

**GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:**

Sewer Line Rights	58.00	
Equipment Hire	250.00	
Equipment/Supplies	1,130.85	
Pipe & Fittings	2,501.20	
Cleaning Catch Basins	5,050.75	
Catch Basins & Manholes	1,908.10	10,898.90



<b>WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT</b>	3,954,219.48
<b>TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>	4,080,823.29

## HIGHWAYS

<b>HIGHWAY SALARIES</b>	157,371.59
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### GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:

Gas/Oil/Fuel	14,416.07	
Telephone	740.80	
Lights/Heat/Power/Water	3,058.90	
Diesel Fuel Tax	251.60	
Office Expenses & Supplies	1,006.72	
Supplies/Equipment/Repairs	20,079.88	
Painting Crosswalks/ Parking Lines	577.50	
Painting Center Line Road	1,222.50	
Raingear/Safety Equipment	692.64	
Clothing Allowance	750.00	
Town Barn Maintenance	<u>2,793.32</u>	45,589.93

### STREET AND SIGNS:

Materials/Supplies	438.25	
Signs	197.20	
Repairs to Traffic Signals	1,311.23	
Electricity	<u>2,376.40</u>	4,323.08

Highway Department Equipment	15,996.00
Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	1,330.00
Bridge Maintenance	4,511.29
FY77 - Art. 26 - Flynt St./ Old Warren Road - A	2,430.46
<b>TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS</b>	<b>231,552.35</b>

FY76 - Art. 26 - Ch. 90 Construction	4,766.50
FY77 - Art. 24 - Ch. 90 Improvements	1,476.91
FY78 - Art. 22 - Ch. 90 Improvements	16,790.98
FY78 - Art. 23 - Safety Improvement Project	29,249.95

## SIDEWALKS AND CURBS

### GENERAL MAINTENANCE:

Supplies and Repairs	4,999.10
Art. 8 - STM 9-15-75 RR Crossing to Rte. 181 - B	2,195.21

**SURFACE TREATMENT OF STREETS WITH  
BITUMINOUS MATERIALS:**

Gravel/Sand	1,575.31	
Liquid Bituminous Materials	13,044.92	
Concrete Bituminous Materials	13,265.36	
Equipment Hire	<u>112.50</u>	27,998.09

**SNOW REMOVAL:**

Equipment Hire for Plowing	4,913.00	
Repairs/Tools/Equipment	14,143.40	
Salt	8,279.79	
Sand	3,166.97	
Town of Wilbraham (plowing)	<u>496.00</u>	30,999.16

**STREET LIGHTING**

50,000.00

**CHARITIES AND SOLDIER'S BENEFITS****VETERAN'S BENEFITS:**

Salary of Agent	8,757.11	
Clerical	381.13	
Administrative Expenses	377.28	
Emergency Provisions	152.00	
Telephone	394.53	
Hospital/Medical/Dental	7,409.10	
Ordinary Allowances	34,762.37	
Grave Markers	<u>71.12</u>	52,304.64

**RENT — WORLD WAR I VETERANS**

100.00

**TOTAL FOR CHARITIES & SOLDIER'S BENEFITS**

52,404.64

**SCHOOLS****SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:**

Administration—Salaries	59,841.92	
Administration—Expenses	14,705.19	
Instruction—Salaries	2,094,499.37	
Instruction—Expenses	188,704.59	
Health	12,648.50	
Custodians	121,195.12	
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	121,062.57	
Other School Services	220,325.92	
Insurance	28,784.32	
Trade School Salaries	6,972.00	
Trade School Expenses	1,566.50	
Tuition	33,020.09	
Repairs	48,894.22	
Rental—St. Ann's School	3,336.00	
Building Aides	42,749.32	
Group Life Insurance	2,628.80	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	70,007.63	
Equipment	21,591.99	
Replacement & Acquisition of Equipment	<u>5,904.18</u>	3,098,438.23

**SCHOOLS, OTHER EXPENSES:**

School Lunch—Salaries	59,703.66	
School Lunch—Expenses	134,681.15	
School Athletics	6,427.50	
Title I	27,592.83	
Title I	20,076.75	
Title IV-B PL 93-380	5,586.93	
Title IV-Project MORE - PL 93-380	41,267.76	
Title VI-B Learning/Development Skills	5,410.04	
Title IV-B Library Resources	<u>3,174.97</u>	303,921.59
State Grant — Dept. of Elder Affairs Council on Aging		344.00
Art. 2 STM 12-19-77 Purchase of S. Brown Property - Main St., D		3,300.00
Art. 2 STM 12-19-77 Transfer & Legal Fees - S. Brown Property - Main St. - D		277.98
PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT		279,313.31
Library Building Renovation		32,366.26
Palmer Public Library		79,171.40
Title I — Visual Resources Grant - Libr. Service & Construction Act		498.47
Libr. Service & Construction Act - Expanded Children's Services Grant - Palmer Library		5,669.94
Title I - Libr. Service & Construction Act - Proj. 8-A		2,698.63
Law Collection - Proj. 77-1-8F Palmer Public Library		691.95

**PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS****PARKS:**

Labor	54,860.95	
Trucking	1,484.00	
Inez B. Fuller Fund	133.32	
Truck Repairs/Expenses	1,317.56	
Supplies/Repairs	6,650.48	
Gas & Oil	2,492.68	
Electricity/Water	1,383.64	
Telephone	<u>364.48</u>	68,687.11
Park Department Equipment		9,890.34

**MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS — PEE  
WEE PARK:**

Labor	106.00	
Equipment/Supplies	<u>1,216.47</u>	1,322.47

**RECREATION**

Labor	14,436.31	
Transportation	4,549.70	
Travel	224.40	
Supplies/Equipment	<u>3,443.71</u>	22,654.12
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE		1,493.90
FY78 Art. 13—Pee Wee Baseball Midget League		1,744.00
FY78 Art. 14—Palmer Cowboy Football Team		1,655.12
TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS		107,447.06

**CEMETERIES:**

Labor	20,240.58	
Salary of Secretary	1,653.75	
Trucking	532.00	
Electricity/Water	78.27	
Gas & Oil	529.63	
General Supplies/Repairs	2,784.93	
Fertilizer/Lime/Loam	147.90	
New Equipment	<u>12 457.00</u>	38,424.06

**PENSIONS**

County Retirement Assessment	85,829.00	
Leo J. Santucci Retirement	<u>20,013.60</u>	
TOTAL FOR PENSIONS		105,842.60

**INSURANCE**

Blue Cross - Blue Shield	42,557.29	
Group Life Insurance	1,987.20	
General Insurance	<u>15,395.68</u>	59,940.17

**UNCLASSIFIED**

Town Reports	3,011.12	
County Aid to Agriculture	50.00	
Conservation Fund	5,000.00	
Interest on Conservation Fund	1,706.02	
Anticipation of Revenue Loans	800,000.00	
Certificate of Deposits—Cash	2,100,000.00	
Tax Title Redemption	3,527.36	
Diamond International Corp.		
Pilot Plant Study—WPC	15,000.00	
Police—Off Duty Work Detail	26,674.25	
Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	1,401.60	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	1,219.93	
Bottling License to State	<u>20.00</u>	2,957,610.28



## TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of State Grant— Water Pollution Control Proj.	161,350.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan— Urban Renewal	35,000.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan— WPC Project	269,550.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan— Purchase of Libr. Bldg.	210,000.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan— Renovation of Libr. Bldg.	<u>570,000.00</u>	1,245,900.00

## INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

### INTEREST:

School Bonds	5,400.00	
Tax Anticipation Notes	2,582.11	
Three Rivers Flood Control	5,546.88	
Thorndike St. Sewer Bonds	1,094.40	
Urban Renewal Project	105,303.26	
Main St.—Three Rivers Sewer Project	3,850.00	
Temporary Loan—Purchase of Library Building	7,073.08	
Temporary Loan—Water Pollution Control Proj.	7,869.62	
Abated Taxes	<u>3,243.56</u>	141,963.01

### MATURING DEBT:

Principal—School Bonds	40,000.00	
Principal—Three Rivers Flood Control	25,000.00	
Principal—Thorndike St. Sewer	6,400.00	
Principal—Serial Bond Loan Urban Renewal	140,000.00	
Principal—Main St. Three Rivers Sewer Project	<u>11,000.00</u>	222,400.00

## STATE AND COUNTY

County Tax	351,809.10	
State Recreation Areas	40,771.32	
Audit—Municipal Accounts	213.28	
State Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	<u>1,324.50</u>	394,118.20

## REFUNDS

### ON TAXES:

Real Estate	55,430.43
Motor Vehicle Excise	6,566.51
Personal Property	3,753.75

**GENERAL:**

Life Insurance	11.20	
Health Insurance	<u>430.06</u>	66,191.95
Agency Account—Town Real and Personal Property Taxes		54,166.95
DOG LICENSES TO COUNTY		3,676.05

**TRUST**

## Payroll Deductions:

Federal	408,889.39	
State	151,987.85	
County Retirement	44,599.64	
Blue Cross	125,784.02	
Group Life Insurance	5,326.40	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	<u>1,100.00</u>	737,687.30

<b>TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$15,038,212.35</b>
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1978	<u>1,489,369.07</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,527,581.42</b>

# STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1978

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
<b>SELECTMEN:</b>				
Board Salaries	4,835.25	4,835.25		
Secretary's Salary	3,031.88	3,031.88		
Other Expenses	6,867.50	6,098.64	768.86	
Out-of-State Travel	200.00		200.00	
Contingent Account	1,000.00	850.38	149.62	
<b>ACCOUNTANT:</b>				
Salary	13,663.65	13,663.65		
Clerical	7,027.28	7,027.28		
Out-of-State Travel	160.00	44.00	116.00	
Other Expenses	332.00	326.73	5.27	
<b>TREASURER:</b>				
Salary	13,169.10	13,169.10		
Clerical	7,188.30	7,188.30		
Out-of-State Travel	200.00	188.00	12.00	
Other Expenses	5,480.00	5,479.25	.75	
<b>COLLECTOR:</b>				
Salary	9,194.85	9,194.85		
Clerical	14,720.70	14,446.58	274.12	
Other Expenses	8,620.00	8,309.99	310.01	
<b>TOWN CLERK:</b>				
Salary	5,161.80	5,161.80		
Clerical	7,204.05	7,204.05		
Other Expenses	1,933.00	1,472.02	460.98	
<b>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION:</b>				
Registrars' Salaries	2,404.00	2,181.09	222.91	
Other Expenses	7,104.10	6,874.52	229.58	
<b>ASSESSORS:</b>				
Salaries	5,289.90	5,289.90		
Clerical	11,886.00	11,774.00	112.00	
Other Expenses	6,475.00	6,075.55	399.45	
Mapping & Engineering	900.00	900.00		
Equipment	350.00	349.00	1.00	
<b>TOWN COUNSEL:</b>				
Salary	3,307.50	3,307.50		
Other Expenses	1,600.00	1,449.35	150.65	
Other Legal Services	5,000.00	195.00	4,805.00	
Art. 2 STM 2-14-77 Santucci vs. Lemanski et al	7,000.00			7,000.00
<b>LICENSE COMMISSION:</b>				
Expenses	350.00	347.10	2.90	
<b>MEMORIAL HALL:</b>				
Custodian's Salary	2,700.03	2,700.03		
Other Expenses	5,475.00	4,595.45	879.55	
<b>PALMER TOWN BUILDING:</b>				
Custodian's Salary	3,422.27	3,422.27		
Care of Grounds	600.00	600.00		
Other Expenses	10,335.00	9,887.50	447.50	

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
<b>ENGINEERING:</b>				
Town Engineer—Salary	5,503.68	5,503.68		
Consulting Engineer	4,000.00		4,000.00	
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</b>				
Salary of Clerk	551.25	551.25		
Other Expenses	875.00	491.44	383.56	
<b>PLANNING BOARD:</b>				
Salary of Clerk	661.50	661.50		
Clerical	5,619.38	5,619.38		
Other Expenses	790.00	771.79	18.21	
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS:</b>				
Expenses	450.00	158.67	291.33	
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD:</b>				
Expenses	100.00	6.03	93.97	
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING:</b>				
Expenses	3,460.00	3,440.46	19.54	
<b>PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</b>				
Expenses	3,520.00	3,505.29	14.71	
<b>PALMER INDUSTRIAL PARK URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT:</b>				
Expenses	26,287.76	19,037.93	7,249.83	
<b>MODERATOR:</b>				
	110.25	110.25		
<b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>				
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries	269,543.56	264,531.28	5,012.28	
Other Expenses	25,830.00	25,828.72	1.28	
Art. 7 FY78 Police Cruisers	9,000.00		9,000.00	
Auxiliary Police Expenses	2,000.00	1,883.73	116.27	
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE:</b>				
Salary	401.31	401.31		
Other Expenses	100.00		100.00	
<b>FOREST WARDEN:</b>				
Salary	1,984.50	1,984.50		
Other Expenses	1,780.00	1,306.32	473.68	
Out-of-District Fires	2,148.00	2,148.00		
Art. 7 STM 1-17-77 Purchase of Forest Fire Truck	23,000.00	21,712.00	1,288.00	
<b>TREE WARDEN:</b>				
Labor	1,488.38	1,372.80	115.58	
Other Expenses	3,665.75	3,499.53	166.22	
<b>BRUSH &amp; WEED CONTROL:</b>				
Labor	2,756.25	2,722.20	34.05	
Other Expenses	2,200.00	2,113.90	86.10	
<b>DUTCH ELM DISEASE:</b>				
Labor	2,480.63	2,472.60	8.03	
Other Expenses	2,910.00	2,890.75	19.25	
<b>INSECT PEST CONTROL:</b>				
Labor	1,764.00	1,762.80	1.20	
Other Expenses	1,600.00	1,564.38	35.62	

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
<b>SEALER:</b>				
Salary	1,575.00	1,575.00		
Other Expenses	815.00	733.57	81.43	
<b>DOG OFFICER:</b>				
Salary	1,102.50	1,102.50		
Other Expenses	4,535.00	3,258.02	1,276.98	
<b>GAS INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary	400.00	300.00	100.00	
Other Expenses	25.00		25.00	
<b>TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:</b>				
	82.70	82.70		
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION:</b>				
Expenses	350.00	326.24	23.76	
<b>WIRE INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary	1,200.00	1,176.00	24.00	
Other Expenses	25.00		25.00	
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION:</b>				
	150.00	27.39	122.61	
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR:</b>				
Salary	2,023.00	1,940.83	82.17	

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

<b>BOARD OF HEALTH:</b>				
Salaries	2,107.98	2,024.96	83.02	
Health Agent's Salary	489.46	489.46		
Other Expenses	6,639.60	5,558.43	1,081.17	
<b>MILK INSPECTION:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	290.50	290.46	.04	
<b>ANIMAL INSPECTION:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	826.88	826.88		
<b>VITAL STATISTICS:</b>				
	300.00		300.00	
<b>QUABOAG VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION:</b>				
	10,000.00	10,000.00		
<b>PLUMBING INSPECTION:</b>				
Salary & Expenses	771.75	771.75		
<b>SANITARY LANDFILL:</b>				
Contracted Services	29,376.00	28,814.32	561.68	
Other Expenses	660.00	650.60	9.40	
Salary of Caretaker	5,678.40	5,678.40		
<b>GARBAGE COLLECTION:</b>				
	21,600.00	21,600.00		
Art. 18 FY78 Quaboag Valley Human Services				
	7,000.00	7,000.00		
Art. 16 FY78 Ambulance Service Subsidy				
	28,000.00	28,000.00		
<b>GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:</b>				
	10,900.00	10,898.90	1.10	
<b>SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:</b>				
	4,000.00	3,999.65	.35	



	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
Art. 16 ATM 2-13-67 Appraisal Expenses—Sewage Disposal System	15,710.00	15,710.00		
Art. 60-C 1969 So. High St.-D	2,800.00			2,800.00
Art. 6 STM 5-5-69 Wilbrham St.-A	34,619.80	34,619.80		
Art. 63 ATM 3-8-71 Engr. & Legal Services—Waste- water Treatment Program	3,824.23	3,824.23		
Art. 21 ATM 3-11-74 Engr. Services—Wastewater Treatment Program	1,126.43	1,126.43		
Water Pollution Control Project	4,608,382.73	3,954,219.48		654,163.25

## HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Salaries	167,619.80	157,371.59	10,248.21
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GEN. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE	45,615.00	45,589.93	25.07
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STREET SIGNS:	4,450.00	4,323.08	126.92
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HWY. DEPT. EQUIPMENT REPAIRS:	16,000.00	15,996.00	4.00
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MAINT. OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS:	1,330.00	1,330.00	
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BRIDGE MAINTENANCE:	5,157.00	4,511.29	645.71
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SURFACE TREATMENT:	28,000.00	27,998.09	1.91
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SNOW REMOVAL:	31,000.00	30,999.16	.84
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STREET LIGHTING:	50,000.00	50,000.00	
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Art. 26 FY76 Chapter 90 Construction	23,722.43	4,766.50	18,955.93
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Art. 25 FY77 Chapter 90 Construction	32,600.00		32,600.00
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Art. 24 FY77 Chapter 90 Highway Improvement	1,476.99	1,476.91	.08
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Art. 21 FY78 Chapter 90 Construction—Warren St.-A	32,600.00		32,600.00
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Art. 22 FY78 Chapter 90 Highway Improvement	16,791.00	16,790.98	.02
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Art. 23 FY78 Federal Highway Safety Act of 1973	35,000.00	29,249.95	5,750.05
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Art. 55 1966 Gates St.-B	2,690.00		2,690.00
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	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
Art. 26 FY77 Flynt/Old Warren Rd./Rte. 32-A	2,430.49	2,430.46	.03	
Art. 25 FY78 Forest St.-D	1,500.00			1,500.00

### SIDEWALKS

Gen. Sidewalk Maintenance	5,000.00	4,999.10	.90	
Art. 8 STM 9-15-75 Prec. B from RR Crossing to Rte. 181	2,195.38	2,195.21	.17	

### VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT

Veteran's Agent Salary	10,479.00	8,757.11	1,721.89	
Veteran's Clerical	771.75	381.13	390.62	
Veteran's Benefits	43,073.48	42,323.47	750.01	
Veteran's Other Expenses	1,300.00	842.93	457.07	
Rent—World War I Vets	100.00	100.00		

### EDUCATION

Public Schools and Maintenance	3,490,719.90	3,135,952.76	354,767.14	
Art. 2 STM 12-19-77 Purchase of S. Brown Property— Main St.-D	3,300.00	3,300.00		
Art. 2 STM 12-19-77 Transfer & Legal Fees— Purchase of S. Brown Property—Main St.-D	300.00	277.98	22.02	
Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational High School District	372,575.00	279,313.31	93,261.69	
Art. 24 ATM 3-12-73 Heat Detectors	1,351.56			1,351.56

### LIBRARIES

Palmer Public Library	79,171.40	79,171.40		
Library Renovations— North Main St.-A	75,922.81	32,366.26		43,556.55

### PARKS RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

Park Salaries	55,015.70	54,860.95	154.75	
Other Expenses	13,696.55	13,692.84	3.71	
Pee Wee Park—Maint. of Grounds	1,323.00	1,322.47	.53	
Park Dept. Equipment	9,890.58	9,890.34	.24	

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
Recreation—Salaries	14,436.31	14,436.31		
Recreation—Other Expenses	8,220.00	8,217.81	2.19	
Memorial Day Observance	1,500.00	1,493.90	6.10	
Art. 13 FY78 Pee Wee				
Midget Baseball League	1,800.00	1,744.00	56.00	
Art. 14 FY78 Palmer Cowboy				
Football Team	1,800.00	1,655.12	144.88	

### CEMETERIES

Labor	20,583.15	20,240.58	342.57
Salary of Secretary	1,653.75	1,653.75	
Other Expenses	16,530.00	16,529.73	.27

### PENSIONS

County Retirement			
Assessment	85,829.00	85,829.00	
Leo J. Santucci			
Retirement	20,013.60	20,013.60	

### INSURANCE

General Insurance	35,975.00	15,395.68	20,579.32
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	49,000.00	42,557.29	6,442.71
Group Insurance - Life	2,100.00	1,987.20	112.80

### UNCLASSIFIED

Town Reports	3,100.00	3,011.12	88.88
County Aid to Agriculture	50.00	50.00	
Reserve Fund	35,000.00	26,525.41	8,474.59

### INTEREST & MATURING DEBT

Int.—Tax Anticipation			
Notes	3,000.00	2,582.11	417.89
Int.—Abated Taxes	3,500.00	3,243.56	256.44
Int.—School Bonds	5,400.00	5,400.00	
Int.—Three Rivers Flood			
Control Project	5,546.88	5,546.88	
Int.—Thorndike St. Sewer Bonds	1,094.40	1,094.40	
Int.—Palmer Industrial			
Park Urban Renewal	105,303.50	105,303.36	.14
Int.—Main St. Three			
Rivers Sewer Project	3,850.00	3,850.00	
Int.—Wastewater Treat. Facil.	107,000.00	7,869.62	99,130.38
Int.—Purchase & Renov.			
of Library Bldg.	17,980.00	7,073.08	10,906.92
Prin.—School Bonds	40,000.00	40,000.00	
Prin.—Three Rivers			
Flood Control Project	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Prin.—Thorndike St. Sewer Bonds	6,400.00	6,400.00	
Prin.—Palmer Industrial			
Park Urban Renewal	140,000.00	140,000.00	
Prin.—Main St. Three			
Rivers Sewer Project	11,000.00	11,000.00	

# BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1978

Maturity Year	1962 High School Addition	1962 T. R. Flood Project	1970 Thorndike St. Sewer	1973 Main St. T. R. Sewer	1974 Urban Renewal	Total
1978				11,000.00	20,000.00	31,000.00
1979	40,000.00	25,000.00	6,400.00	11,000.00	140,000.00	222,400.00
1980	40,000.00	7,500.00	6,400.00	11,000.00	140,000.00	204,900.00
1981	30,000.00	7,500.00		11,000.00	130,000.00	178,500.00
1982	30,000.00	5,000.00		11,000.00	130,000.00	176,000.00
1983		5,000.00		11,000.00	130,000.00	146,000.00
1984		5,000.00			130,000.00	135,000.00
1985		5,000.00			130,000.00	135,000.00
1986		5,000.00			130,000.00	135,000.00
1987		5,000.00			130,000.00	135,000.00
1988		5,000.00			125,000.00	130,000.00
1989		5,000.00			124,000.00	129,000.00
1990		5,000.00			124,000.00	129,000.00
1991					124,000.00	124,000.00
1992					124,000.00	124,000.00
1993					124,000.00	124,000.00
	<hr/> 140,000.00	<hr/> 85,000.00	<hr/> 12,800.00	<hr/> 66,000.00	<hr/> 1,955,000.00	<hr/> 2,258,800.00

# RESERVE ACCOUNT TRANSFERS

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1978

APPROPRIATION

\$35,000.00

Department	Amount
Town Clerk Other Expenses	\$ 575.00
Registrars' Salary Account	640.00
Election & Registration	
Other Expenses	1,500.00
Assessor's Clerical	4,032.00
Court Judgment—Rose Barone vs.	
Town of Palmer	944.78
Planning Board Clerical	211.38
Forest Warden Out-of-District Fires	148.00
Tree Department Other Expenses	890.75
Building Inspector Salary Account	400.00
Sanitary Landfill Other Expenses	100.00
Street Sign Account	250.00
Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	1,330.00
Street Lighting	6,000.00
Public Schools—Support &	
Maintenance	1,400.00
Cemetery Other Expenses	3,150.00
Town Report Account	400.00
Interest on Abated Taxes	3,500.00
Interest on Industrial Park	
Urban Renewal Project Loan	1,053.50
	<u>26,525.41</u>
Balance, June 30, 1978	\$ 8,474.59



**1979 TOWN WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Hampden, ss:

Town of Palmer

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer in said County:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections of town officers to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the Selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A at the Palmer High School; in Precinct B, at the Thorndike Grammar School; in Precinct C, at the Three Rivers Grammar School; and in Precinct D, at the Bondsville Grammar School; on Tuesday, the seventeenth day of April, 1979 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the Town, for the following officers:

For a term of one (1) year:

- One (1) Moderator
- Three (3) License Commissioners
- Five (5) Park Commissioners
- One (1) Board of Health Member (to fill vacancy)

For a term of Three (3) years:

- One (1) Selectman
- One (1) Town Clerk
- One (1) Assessor
- One (1) School Committee Member
- One (1) Board of Health Member
- One (1) Cemetery Commissioner
- One (1) Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical  
High School District Committee Member

For a term of five (5) years:

- One (1) Planning Board Member
- One (1) Palmer Housing Authority Member

Also to vote by ballot, which shall be "yes" or "no" upon the following question:

"Shall the town distribute to its insured employees, after deducting the town's total administrative cost, the balance of any group insurance dividend which shall be based upon the employees' proportionate share of the total premiums paid for all insurance coverages?"

Yes ☐

No ☐

The polls will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Palmer High School, Converse Street in said Palmer on Monday the twenty-third day of April, A.D., 1979 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz;

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all usual Town Officers.

**ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act on reports of committees.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1979, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Recommended

**ARTICLE 4.** to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any article of the warrant.

Recommended

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, P.L. 92-512 Account and accrued interest, any sum of money for Public Safety Environmental Protection, Public Transportation, Health, Recreation, Libraries, Social Services for the Poor and Aged, Financial Administration or Ordinary Capital Expenditures authorized by law.

\$280,000.00 Recommended for Police Salaries

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance Funds, any sum of money to maintain levels of basic services and public employment within the following governmental expenditure categories: Education, Highways, Public Welfare, Health and Hospitals, Police and Corrections, Fire Protection, Sewerage and Sanitation, Natural Resources, Housing and Urban Renewal, Transportation, Libraries, Financial Administration, General Public Buildings, Interest on General Debt and Parks and Recreation

Not Recommended

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year 1980.

See Summary Article, Page 142

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction or by bid, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to the Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

\$35,000.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer any sum of money from the State Aid to Free Libraries Account to the use of the Palmer Public Library, or take any action relative thereto.

\$4,436.26 Recommended

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for unpaid bills of previous years.

Not Recommended

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Midget Baseball League, or take any action relative thereto.

\$1,800.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Pee Wee Cowboy Football Team, or take any action relative thereto.

\$1,800.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Lil' Girls'

Softball League, or take any action relative thereto.

\$1,800.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any other sum for the Conservation Fund for purposes as described in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as amended and Chapter 132 A, Section 11, and any amendments thereto to be used by the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto.

\$5,000.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to subsidize the ambulance service in the Town of Palmer, such service to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

\$34,000.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will transfer any sum of money from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to the Cemetery Other Expense Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

\$2,500.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to provide community mental health and social services through Valley Human Services, Inc. to the residents of Palmer including; telephone counseling, information and referrals; crisis intervention, short term counseling (individual and family); Drug treatment and education; emergency shelter for youths; community outreach (including the public schools); volunteer outreach in human services; Alternative Learning Program (certified under Chapter 766 to provide services to children with special needs); or take any action relative thereto.

\$3,500.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 258, Mass. G.L. as inserted by Chapter 512 of the Acts of 1978, to appropriate any sum of money to effect insurance providing indemnity for each officer and employee of the Town, including the school department, from personal financial loss and expense, including legal fees, if any, in the amount of **\$1,000.00**, arising out of any claim, action, award, compromise, settlement or judgment by reason of an intentional tort, or by reason of any act or omission which constitutes a violation of the civil rights of any person under federal or state law, if such employee or officer at the time of such intentional tort or such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and provided that no such employee or officer shall be indemnified for violation of any such civil rights if he acted in a grossly negligent, willful or malicious manner.

\$4,000.00 Recommended



**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to install proper water facilities at New Burleigh Park, Precinct B, or take any action relative thereto.

\$10,055.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or otherwise, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money for Chapter 90 construction, said monies to be used in conjunction with funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action relative thereto.

\$15,000.00 Recommended by taxation  
\$17,600.00 Recommended to be transferred  
from Surplus for State Share

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or otherwise, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Improvement, said monies to be used in conjunction with funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action relative thereto.

\$5,000.00 Recommended by taxation  
\$11,791.00 Recommended to be transferred  
from Surplus for State Share

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money to construct a safety improvement project in the Town of Palmer, including a Sign Improvement Program, Pavement Marking Improvement Program and a Guardrail Improvement Program under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1973, said monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth and restored upon their receipt, to available funds in the Treasury, or take any action relative thereto.

\$35,000.00 Recommended

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to install, maintain and otherwise provide street lighting as follows:

(a) Install street lighting as necessary on Lawrence Street, Precinct A.

\$50.00 Recommended for Pole No. 9

(B) Install a street light on pole #3, Pine Street, Precinct B.

Not Recommended

(c) Install a street light (pole and light) across from the residence of Mrs. Virginia Lech, Pine Street, Precinct B.

Not Recommended



(d) Install a street light on pole #43 in front of 9 Sykes Street, easterly side, Precinct B.

\$50.00 Recommended

(e) Install a street light on pole #12, Hillside Drive, Precinct D.

Not Recommended

(f) Install a street light on pole #15, Jim Ash Road, Precinct D.

\$50.00 Recommended

(g) Install a street light on pole #2, Ruggles St., Precinct C.

Not Recommended

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to relocate street lights on North Street, Precinct C as follows:

- (a) Relocate light from Pole #10 to Pole #9.
- (b) Relocate light from Pole #12 to Pole #11.
- (c) Relocate light from Pole #15 to Pole #14.

Not Recommended

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to reconstruct and install proper drainage and resurface with Type I material, Sibley Street, Precinct C, from Chudy Street to Barker Street, a distance of approximately 880 feet, or take any action relative thereto.

Not Recommended

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to file a Bill to be acted on by the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth providing as follows:

That the Town of Palmer be and hereby is authorized to make payment to present Town employees, who were participants in the Blue Cross - Blue Shield Health Insurance Group Plan during the period January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977 a rebate of a portion of the \$42,988 received by the Town for said period according to the procedure outlined in M.G.L.A. Chapter 32 B, Section 8A. This Bill to be effective upon its passage. Providing further that the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to make use of available funds in the Treasury without any further appropriation or action by the Town Meeting to accomplish the purposes of this legislation.

Recommended

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 8G of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts which reads as follows:

### Agreements for Mutual Police Aid Programs

A city or town which accepts this section may enter into an agreement with another city or town, or other cities and towns, to provide mutual aid programs for police departments to increase the capability of such departments to protect the lives, safety, and property of the people in the area designated in the agreement. Said agreement may include the furnishing of personal services, supplies, materials, contractual services, and equipment when the resources normally available to any municipality in the agreement are not sufficient to cope with a situation which requires police action.

### Recommended

**ARTICLE 30.** To implement Article 9, Section 10 of the Charter of the Town of Palmer by requiring the Selectmen to appoint, within ninety days, a committee of seven registered voters who are qualified by education and experience to analyze the By-laws of the Town of Palmer for the purpose of deleting those By-laws that are obsolete and of preparing for presentation to the voters of the Town any new By-laws necessary to fulfill the objectives of the Charter. Each Precinct must be represented by at least one committee member.

### Not Recommended

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Easements:

**PARCEL A** from Albert F. and Lorraine E. Corsi, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the Westerly line of New Hampshire Avenue, April, 1978 Town Layout and shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Planned Book 180 Plan 69 said point is at the Southeasterly corner of Lot 23 owned by said Corsi, and runs thence;

N 79° 2' 20" W 109.49 feet along land now or formerly of Raymond F. Niles to a point; thence turning and running

N 11° 7' 30" E 28.51 feet along land now or formerly of Raymond F. Niles to a point; thence turning and running

S 57° 54' E 32.79 feet along land of said Albert F. Corsi, et ux to a point; thence turning and running

S 68° 32' E 80.17 feet to a point on the Westerly line of New Hampshire Avenue as aforesaid; thence turning and running

S 11° 7' 30" W 2.07 feet along the Westerly line of said New Hampshire Avenue to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEING an easement for the construction and reconstruction of a drainage culvert crossing New Hampshire Avenue. Together with the right to enter upon said premises to maintain, repair and replace said culvert.

SAID easement shown on a Plan entitled "Plan of Easements in Three Rivers, Palmer, Mass., Surveyed for Palmer Board of Select-

men. Scale 1" = 30', November 22, 1978, Kenneth C. Sherman," Hampden Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 181 Plan 123.

**PARCEL B** from Raymond F. Niles, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the Westerly line of New Hampshire Avenue, April, 1978 Town Layout and shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 180 Plan 69 said point is at the Southeasterly corner of Lot 23 owned by Albert F. and Lorraine E. Corsi and runs thence;

S 11° 7' 30" W 18.00 feet along the westerly line of New Hampshire Avenue as aforesaid to a point; thence turning and running

N 69° 42' W 130.99 feet along land of Raymond F. Niles, the grantor herein to a point; thence turning and running,

N 11° 7' 30" E 32.89 feet along said land of Niles to a point; thence turning and running

S 57° 54' 21.15 feet along said land of Niles to a point, thence turning and running

S 11° 7' 30" 28.51 feet along land of Albert F. Corsi, et ux to a point; thence turning and running

S 79° 2' 30" E 109.49 feet along land of Albert F. Corsi, et ux to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said parcel of land is to be an easement for the construction and reconstruction of a drainage culvert crossing New Hampshire Avenue and with the right to discharge water from said culvert onto adjoining land of Raymond R. Niles. Together with the right to enter upon said premises to maintain, repair and replace said culvert and keep the point of discharge clear.

Said Easement shown on a Plan entitled "Plan of Easements in Three Rivers, Palmer, Mass. Surveyed for Palmer Board of Selectmen. Scale 1" = 30', November 22, 1978, Kenneth C. Sherman" Hampden Registry of Deeds Plan Book 181 Plan 123.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendment to the Town's Zoning By-laws:

#### SITE REVIEW PLAN

##### A. Purpose

The purpose of site plan review is to ensure that the design and layout of certain developments permitted as of right (or by special permit) will constitute suitable development and will not result in a detriment to the neighborhood or the environment.

In considering a site plan the (Special Permit Granting Authority SPGA) shall assure:

- a. Protection of adjacent areas against detrimental or offensive uses on the site by provision of adequate surface water drainage, buffers against light, sight, sound, dust and vibration, and preservation of light and air;
- b. convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent areas;
- c. adequacy of the methods of disposal for wastes;
- d. protection of environment features on the site and in adjacent areas.

## B. Projects Requiring Site Plan Review

No building, other than a (single-family or two-family dwelling or building accessory to such dwelling) shall be erected or externally enlarged (or, no business or industrial building shall be erected or externally enlarged, and no business or industrial use shall hereafter be established or expanded in ground area) except in conformity with a site plan bearing an endorsement of approval from the SPGA). The SPGA shall adopt regulations for carrying out its duties under this section.

## C. Procedure

1. An applicant for site plan review under this section shall file with the SPGA 5 copies of each of an application and a site plan. Unless this requirement is waived by the SPGA the site plan shall be prepared by an engineer, architect, landscape architect.

2. The site plan shall show all existing and proposed buildings, existing and proposed contour elevations, structures, parking spaces, driveway opening, driveways, service areas, facilities for sewage, refuse and other waste disposal and for surface water drainage, wetlands, surface water, areas subject to the 100-year flood, and landscape features such as fences, walls, planting areas, walks, and lighting, both existing and proposed. The site plan shall also show the relation of the above features to adjacent ways and properties. The site plan shall also show all contiguous land owned by the applicant or by the owner of the property which is the subject of the application.

3. The applicant shall submit such material as may be required regarding measures proposed to prevent pollution of surface or groundwater, soil erosion, increased runoff, changes in groundwater level, and flooding.

4. The applicant shall submit such material as may be required regarding design features intended to integrate the proposed new development into the existing landscape, to enhance aesthetic assets, and to screen objectionable features from neighbors.

5. The applicant shall submit such material as may be required regarding the projected traffic flow patterns into and upon the site for both vehicles and pedestrians and an estimate of the projected number of motor vehicle trips to and from the site for an average day and for peak hours.

6. The SPGA shall within five days of receipt transmit to the planning board, the building inspector and the conservation commission copies of the application and site plan. The boards receiving these copies shall have up to 40 days to make recommendations to the SPGA.



7. The SPGA shall hold a public hearing within 45 days of receipt of an application and shall take final action within 90 days from the time of hearing, as provided in G.L. Ch. 40a, § 9 and 11, (and in section 6 of this bylaw/ordinance, relating to special permit procedures). Such final action shall consist of either (1) a finding and determination that the proposed project will constitute a suitable development and will not result in detriment to the neighborhood or the environment or (2) a written denial of the application stating the reasons for such denial. Approval may be made subject to conditions, modifications and restrictions as the SPGA may deem necessary; and any construction, reconstruction, alteration or addition shall be carried on only in conformity to such conditions, modifications or restrictions and in conformity with the application and the site plan.

8. (If the planning board is the special permit authority under this section, it shall, insofar as practical, adopt regulations establishing procedures for submission of a combined plan and application which shall satisfy this section and the board's regulations under the Subdivision Control Act.)

9. Projects reviewed by other town boards are exempt as follows: Those projects which would normally be reviewed by said other boards or not required by the SPGA.

#### Recommended

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to accept and allow a Town Way in Depot Village, Precinct A, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a concrete bound in the Easterly side of Mason Street, at the Northwesterly corner of land of John C. and Nancy S. Witbeck, as shown on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plan 134, Page 50, and running thence:

N 20° 48' 40" E 58.23 feet along the Easterly side of Mason Street to a point at land of Rose M. Riskalla and c; thence turning and running

N 79° 58' E 84.88 feet along said land of Riskalla to a point; thence turning and running

Easterly, Southeasterly in a curve to the right with a radius of 650.00 feet, a length of 210.00 feet along said land of Riskalla to a point; thence turning and running

S 81° 31' 20" E 34.04 feet along said land of Riskalla to a concrete bound; thence turning and running

S 87° 51' E 682.24 feet along said land of Riskalla, land of Robert G. and Diane N. Faulkner, and land of Gordon E. and Sarah L. Stone to a point; thence turning and running

Easterly and Northeasterly in a curve to the left with a radius of 25.00 feet, a length of 22.99 feet along said land of Stone to a point; thence turning and running

Northwesterly and Westerly in a curve to the left with a radius of 25.00 feet, a length of 22.99 feet along said land of Riskalla to a point; thence turning and running

N 87° 51' W 685.00 feet along said land of Riskalla, land of Jack W. and Joyce M. Lynch, land of Leo D. & Patricia Benoit, and land



of Riskalla to a point at the Northeasterly corner of land of Witbeck aforesaid, thence turning and running

N 81° 31' 20" W 36.83 feet along said land of Witbeck to a point; thence turning and running

Northwesterly and Westerly in a curve to the left with a radius of 600.00 feet, a length of 193.85 feet to a point; thence turning and running

S 79° 58' W 114.73 feet along land of said Witbeck to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Said street is laid out over land of Rose M. Riskalla and c and land of Gordon E. Stone, et ux and to be known as Hillside Drive.

Recommended

**ARTICLE 34.** To choose committees and give them instructions.

**ARTICLE 35.** To act on reports of Town Officers.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in some one public place in each of the four villages of the Town, known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bondsville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting and by publishing an attested copy thereof in at least one issue of the Palmer Journal Register, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of March, 1979.

James L. St. Amand

William J. Lemanski

Palmer N. Santucci, Jr.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

a true copy  
ATTEST:

Edward J. Jasak  
Constable of the  
Town of Palmer

**ARTICLE — APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Item	Expended FY 77	Expended FY 78	Approp. FY 79	Recom- mended FY 80
1 MODERATOR	105.00	110.25	110.25	116.00
SELECTMEN:				
2 Salaries	4,605.00	4,835.25	4,835.25	5,077.00
3 Salary of Secretary	2,887.50	3,031.88	3,134.88	3,291.00
4 Clerical				3,762.00
5 Other Expenses	7,457.56	6,098.64	6,427.50	8,150.00
6 Out-of-State Travel			200.00	200.00
7 Contingent Account	970.03	850.38	1,000.00	1,000.00
ACCOUNTANT:				
8 Salary	13,013.00	13,663.65	14,132.00	14,839.00
9 Clerical	6,557.00	7,027.28	7,450.00	6,270.00
10 Other Expenses	201.27	326.73	332.00	352.00
11 Out-of-State Travel	114.50	44.00	160.00	160.00
TREASURER:				
12 Salary	12,542.00	13,169.10	13,591.60	14,271.00
13 Clerical	6,977.65	7,188.30	7,610.80	8,067.00
14 Other Expenses	4,827.44	5,479.25	26,050.00	6,095.00
15 Out-of-State Travel	430.42	188.00	200.00	200.00
COLLECTOR:				
16 Salary	8,757.00	9,194.85	9,617.35	10,098.00
17 Clerical	7,584.09	14,446.58	16,083.70	17,041.00
18 Other Expenses	7,760.29	8,309.99	8,475.00	9,387.00
TOWN CLERK:				
19 Salary	4,916.00	5,161.80	5,584.30	5,919.00
20 Clerical	6,861.00	7,204.05	7,626.50	8,084.00
21 Other Expenmses	1,122.82	1,472.02	1,367.00	1,746.00
ELECTION & REGISTRATION:				
22 Registrars' Salaries	1,680.00	2,181.09	1,764.00	2,524.00
23 Other Expenses	10,080.27	6,874.52	9,870.00	9,500.00
ASSESSORS:				
24 Salaries	5,038.00	5,289.90	5,289.90	5,554.00
25 Clerical	7,623.85	11,774.00	14,107.00	14,953.00
26 Other Expenses	4,563.83	6,075.55	7,250.00	7,450.00
27 Mapping & Engineering Equipment	900.00	900.00 349.00	900.00	900.00
LAW AND CLAIMS:				
28 Salary of Town Counsel	3,150.00	3,307.50	3,300.00	3,300.00
29 Other Expenses	1,375.20	1,449.35	1,600.00	1,600.00
30 Special Legal Services	891.15	195.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
LICENSE COMMISSIONERS:				
31 Expenses	474.73	347.10	475.00	500.00
MEMORIAL HALL:				
32 Salary of Custodian	1,417.50	2,700.03	2,800.00	2,940.00
33 Other Expenses	1,102.20	4,595.45	5,475.00	4,262.00
PALMER TOWN BUILDING:				
34 Salary of Custodian	3,259.30	3,422.27	3,922.27	3,593.00
35 Care of Grounds	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
36 Other Expenses	13,807.01	9,887.50	10,840.00	10,965.00
ENGINEERING:				
37 Town Engineer's Salary	5,241.60	5,503.68	5,503.68	5,500.00
38 Consulting Engineer	4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00

Item	Expended FY 77	Expended FY 78	Approp. FY 79	Recom- mended FY 80
FINANCE:				
39 Salary of Clerk	525.00	551.25	551.25	579.00
40 Other Expenses	688.78	491.44	825.00	840.00
PLANNING BOARD:				
41 Salary of Clerk	630.00	661.50	661.50	100.00
42 Clerical		5,619.38	5,915.00	2,508.00
43 Other Expenses	735.64	771.79	790.00	1,825.00
BOARD OF APPEALS:				
44 Expenses	263.10	158.67	450.00	450.00
PERSONNEL BOARD:				
45 Expenses	33.79	6.03	100.00	100.00
COUNCIL ON AGING:				
46 Expenses	3,023.57	3,440.46	3,485.00	3,445.00
PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:				
47 Expenses	3,462.04	3,505.29	3,500.00	3,270.00
	172,256.23	188,459.75	229,962.73	217,383.00

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT:				
48 Salaries	249,583.35	264,531.28	227,236.87	282,519.59
49 Other Expenses	21,310.44	25,828.72	26,725.00	30,275.00
50 Cruisers	8,526.88		12,000.00	12,000.00
AUXILIARY POLICE:				
51 Expenses	1,991.38	1,883.73	2,000.00	2,250.00
CIVIL DEFENSE:				
52 Salary	382.20	401.31	401.31	421.00
53 Expenses			100.00	100.00
FOREST WARDEN:				
54 Salary	1,890.00	1,984.50	1,984.50	2,084.00
55 Other Expenses	907.91	1,306.32	1,460.00	1,480.00
56 Out-of-District Fires	718.00	2,148.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:				
57 Labor	8,000.10	8,330.40	9,936.20	10,433.00
58 Other Expense (New Dept.—Combines Tree Warden, Brush and Weed Control, Dutch Elm Disease and Insect Pect Control Departments.)	10,489.58	10,068.56	7,677.80	7,432.80
SEALER:				
59 Salary	1,500.00	1,575.00	1,575.00	1,654.00
60 Other Expenses	703.02	733.57	840.00	840.00
DOG OFFICER:				
61 Salary	1,050.00	1,102.50	1,102.50	1,158.00
62 Other Expenses	6,134.19	3,258.02	4,624.72	3,830.00
GAS INSPECTOR:				
63 Salary & Expenses	290.00	300.00	425.00	325.00
64 TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:	78.75	82.70	82.70	82.70

Item	Expended FY 77	Expended FY 78	Approp. FY 79	Recom- mended FY 80
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:				
65 Expenses	264.52	326.24	350.00	400.00
WIRE INSPECTOR:				
66 Salary & Expenses	973.00	1,176.00	1,225.00	1,225.00
HISTORICAL COMMISSION:				
67 Expenses	217.25	27.39	150.00	150.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR:				
68 Salary & Expenses	1,560.00	1,940.83	6,000.00	6,100.00
TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	316,570.57	327,005.07	357,896.60	366,760.09

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH:				
69 Salaries	2,007.60	2,024.96	2,107.98	2,212.00
70 Health Agent's Salary	466.15	489.46	489.46	513.00
71 Other Expenses	4,910.80	5,558.43	7,564.60	7,648.00
MILK INSPECTION:				
72 Salary & Expenses	279.96	290.46	290.50	311.00
ANIMAL INSPECTION:				
73 Salary & Expenses	787.50	826.88	826.88	867.00
74 VITAL STATISTICS			300.00	300.00
PALMER VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION:	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,300.00	12,300.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:				
76 Salary & Expenses	735.00	771.75	771.75	810.00
SANITARY LANDFILL:				
77 Salary of Caretaker	5,512.00	5,678.40	6,198.40	6,570.00
78 Contracted Services	32,782.83	28,814.32	25,200.00	24,696.00
79 Other Expenses	560.91	650.60	510.00	665.00
80 GARBAGE COLLECTION:	21,600.00	21,600.00	21,600.00	22,500.00
WING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FUND:	2,000.00			
81 SEWER TRUCKMAIN CLEANING:	3,737.50	3,999.65	4,000.00	4,000.00
82 GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:	10,794.64	10,898.90	11,225.00	11,700.00
83 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE				155,000.00
TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION	96,174.89	91,603.81	93,384.57	250,092.00

#### HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS:				
84 Salaries	142,321.51	157,371.59	174,376.68	162,919.60
General Highway				
85 Maintenance	42,844.98	45,589.93	46,690.00	49,940.00
Street Signs &				
86 Traffic Regulations	3,699.96	4,323.08	4,900.00	4,900.00



Item	Expended FY 77	Expended FY 78	Approp. FY 79	Recom- mended FY 80
87 Highway Equipment and Repairs	26,813.57	15,996.00	25,000.00	6,000.00
88 Maintenance of Railroad Crossings		1,330.00	1,330.00	1,330.00
89 Bridge Maintenance General Sidewalk	28.00	4,511.29	200.00	200.00
90 Maintenance	4,980.88	4,999.10	5,000.00	5,000.00
91 Surface Treatment	26,944.66	27,998.09	28,000.00	28,000.00
92 Snow Removal	29,997.66	30,999.16	32,000.00	36,000.00
93 Street Lighting	43,623.27	50,000.00	51,900.00	56,000.00
TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS	321,254.49	343,118.24	369,396.68	350,289.60

#### VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT

##### VETERANS:

94 Veteran's Agent Salary	9,980.00	8,757.11	4,000.00	2,500.00
95 Veteran's Clerical	693.75	381.13	800.00	
96 Veteran's Benefits	30,861.21	42,323.47	36,950.00	43,850.00
97 Veteran's Other Expense	782.33	842.93	1,130.00	1,000.00
98 Rent—World War I Vets	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
TOTAL FOR VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT	42,417.29	52,404.64	42,980.00	47,450.00

#### EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

99 PUBLIC SCHOOLS	2,965,798.31	3,098,438.23	3,204,363.58	3,480,910.58
100 PATHFINDER REGIONAL	301,343.96	279,313.31	475,146.00	409,831.00
101 PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	61,168.00	79,171.40	92,325.00	98,469.20
TOTAL FOR EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES	3,328,310.27	3,456,922.94	3,771,834.58	3,989,210.78

#### PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

##### PARKS:

102 Salaries	52,395.90	54,860.95	59,001.44	62,350.00
103 Equipment	20,831.51	9,890.34	12,197.25	5,663.65
104 Other Expenses Pee Wee Park	14,000.00	13,692.84	14,095.51	16,390.16
105 Maintenance	1,260.00	1,322.47	1,400.00	1,500.00

##### RECREATION:

106 Salaries	12,101.25	14,436.31	14,436.31	15,579.00
107 Other Expenses	7,479.89	8,217.81	8,220.00	9,085.00

##### BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION:

108 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:	1,079.21	1,493.90	1,500.00	1,750.00
TOTAL FOR PARKS RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS	115,392.35	103,914.62	110,850.51	112,317.81

#### CEMETERIES

##### CEMETERIES:

109 Labor	19,486.15	20,240.58	20,858.00	30,116.00
110 Salary of Secretary	1,575.00	1,653.75	1,653.75	1,736.00
111 Other Expenses Equipment	3,949.37	16,529.73	3,525.00	4,550.00
TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES	26,557.42	38,424.06	26,036.75	36,402.00

Item	Expended FY 77	Expended FY 78	Approp. FY 79	Recom- mended FY 80
<b>PENSIONS</b>				
COUNTY RETIREMENT				
112 ASSESSMENT	94,867.00	85,829.00	86,480.00	117,197.00
RETIREMENT, Leo J.				
113 Santucci	19,713.60	20,013.60	20,013.60	20,403.60
TOTAL FOR PENSIONS	<u>114,580.60</u>	<u>105,842.60</u>	<u>106,493.60</u>	<u>137,600.60</u>
<b>INSURANCE</b>				
114 General Insurance	23,521.00	15,395.68	45,958.00	50,825.00
Blue-Cross				
115 Blue Shield	38,911.54	42,557.29	47,000.00	40,000.00
116 Group Life Insurance	1,916.80	1,987.20	2,150.00	2,200.00
117 Unemployment Insurance			31,000.00	35,000.00
TOTAL FOR INSURANCE	<u>64,349.34</u>	<u>59,940.17</u>	<u>126,108.00</u>	<u>128,025.00</u>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>				
118 TOWN REPORTS:	2,060.21	3,011.12	3,200.00	3,200.00
County Aid to				
119 Agriculture	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED	<u>2,110.21</u>	<u>3,061.12</u>	<u>3,300.00</u>	<u>3,300.00</u>
<b>INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT</b>				
<b>INTEREST:</b>				
120 Tax Anticipation Note	462.89	2,582.11	4,000.00	6,000.00
121 School Bonds	6,600.00	5,400.00	4,200.00	3,000.00
Three Rivers Flood				
122 Control	6,528.13	5,546.88	5,134.38	3,584.38
Thorndike St. Sewer				
123 Bonds	1,459.20	1,094.40	729.60	364.80
Palmer Industrial Park				
124 Urban Renewal	111,250.00	105,303.36	99,350.00	92,750.00
Relocatable Classrooms				
Main St. Three				
125 Rivers Sewer	4,400.00	3,850.00	3,300.00	2,750.00
Wastewater Treatment				
126 Facilities	21,498.66	7,869.62	128,000.00	128,025.00
127 Taxes				
128 Purchase & Renovation		3,243.56	3,000.00	3,000.00
of New Library Bldg.	1,658.30	7,073.08	20,650.00	20,500.00
TOTAL INTEREST	<u>153,857.18</u>	<u>141,963.01</u>	<u>268,363.98</u>	<u>259,974.18</u>
<b>PRINCIPAL:</b>				
129 School Bonds	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Three Rivers Flood				
130 Control	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Thorndike St. Sewer				
131 Bonds	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00
Main St. Three				
132 Rivers Sewer Bond	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Palmer Industrial Park				
133 Urban Renewal	140,000.00	140,000.00	140,000.00	173,000.00
133 Urban Renewal				
Wastewater Treatment				
134 Facilities			86,750.00	80,000.00
135 Renovation of Library				38,333.00
136 Purchase of Library				14,474.00
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	<u>222,400.00</u>	<u>222,400.00</u>	<u>309,150.00</u>	<u>388,207.00</u>
TOTALS	<u>4,976,230.74</u>	<u>5,135,060.03</u>	<u>5,815,758.00</u>	<u>6,287,012.06</u>

Item	Expended FY 77	Expended FY 78	Approp. FY 79	Recom- mended FY 80
Less Transfers:				
Federal Revenue Sharing	175,000.00	239,993.60	260,000.00	280,000.00
State Aid to Free Libraries	4,380.00	4,380.00	4,380.00	4,436.26
State Highway Aid	45,319.00			
Public Works Employment Act		6,031.00	13,581.75	
Sale of Cemetery Lots		3,150.00		
	<u>4,751,531.74</u>	<u>4,881,505.43</u>	<u>5,537,796.25</u>	<u>6,002,575.80</u>

# SUMMARY

	Expended FY 1977	Expended FY 1978	Approp. FY 1979	Recommended FY 1980	Percent of FY 1980 Budget
General Government .....	172,256.13	188,459.75	229,962.73	217,383.00	3.5%
Protection of Persons & Property .....	316,570.57	327,005.07	357,896.60	366,760.09	5.8
Health and Sanitation .....	96,174.89	91,603.81	93,384.57	250,092.00	4.0
Highways .....	321,254.49	343,118.24	369,396.68	350,289.60	5.6
Veterans' Department .....	42,417.29	52,404.64	42,980.00	47,450.00	.7
Education & Libraries .....	3,328,310.27	3,456,922.94	3,771,834.58	3,989,210.78	63.4
Parks, Recreation & Celebrations .....	115,392.35	103,914.62	110,850.51	112,317.81	1.8
Cemeteries .....	26,557.42	38,424.06	26,036.75	36,402.00	.6
Pensions .....	114,580.60	105,842.60	106,493.60	137,600.60	2.2
Insurance .....	64,349.34	59,940.17	126,108.00	128,025.00	2.0
Unclassified .....	2,110.21	3,061.12	3,300.00	3,300.00	.1
Interest on Debt .....	153,857.18	141,963.01	268,363.98	259,974.18	4.1
Principal on Debt .....	222,400.00	222,400.00	309,150.00	388,207.00	6.2
	4,976,230.74	5,135,060.03	5,815,758.00	6,287,012.06	100.0%



**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS  
SPECIAL ARTICLES — FY 1980**

Art. No.	Description	Appropriation	Raised By Taxation	Federal Revenue Sharing	Surplus	State Aid to Free Libraries	Cemetery Lots Account
5	Police Dept. Salaries	280,000.00		280,000.00			
10	Reserve Fund	35,000.00	35,000.00				
11	Aid to Palmer Public Library	4,436.26				4,436.26	
13	Palmer Midget Baseball League	1,800.00	1,800.00				
14	Palmer Pee Wee Football League	1,800.00	1,800.00				
15	Palmer Lil' Girls' Softball League	1,800.00	1,800.00				
16	Conservation Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00				
17	Ambulance Service Subsidy	34,000.00	34,000.00				
18	Cemetery Service Expense	2,500.00					2,500.00
19	Valley Human Services	3,500.00	3,500.00				
20	Public Liability Insurance	4,000.00	4,000.00				
21	New Burleigh Park Water Facilities	10,055.00	10,055.00				
22	Chapter 90 Highway Construction	32,600.00	15,000.00		17,600.00		
23	Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance	16,791.00	5,000.00		11,791.00		
24	Highway Safety Improvement Project	35,000.00			35,000.00		
25	Street Lighting	150.00	150.00				
		468,432.26	117,105.00	280,000.00	64,391.00	4,436.26	2,500.00

**TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION**

	FY-1980	FY-1979	Increase Over FY-1979	Pctg. Increase Over FY-1979
Total of Special Articles .....	117,105.00	105,100.00	12,005.00	11.4%
Article 7 — Departmental Budgets .....	6,002,575.80	5,537,796.25	464,779.55	8.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,119,680.80</b>	<b>5,642,896.25</b>	<b>476,784.55</b>	<b>8.4</b>



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## TELEPHONE NUMBERS EMERGENCIES

### Fire:

Bondsville .....	283-8389
Palmer .....	283-3456
Thorndike .....	283-8386
Three Rivers .....	283-8386
Hospital .....	283-7651
Police .....	283-5609

## FOR INFORMATION

Assessors .....	283-5061
Building Inspector (Residence) .....	283-3145
Civil Defense .....	283-3128
Dog Officer (Residence) .....	283-8747
Gas Inspector (Residence) .....	283-6342
Health Board (Information) .....	283-7622
Highway Department .....	283-3721
License Commission (Alcoholic Beverage) (Information) ..	283-7261
Park Commission .....	283-3013
Planning Board .....	283-9425
Police Department .....	283-7461
Schools:	
Elementary:	
Bondsville .....	283-3961
Park Street .....	283-3221
Quaboag .....	283-3371
St. Ann's - Three Rivers .....	283-9384
Thorndike Grammar - Thorndike .....	283-5561
Thorndike Street - Palmer .....	238-8061
Three Rivers Grammar .....	283-3230
Palmer High School .....	283-6511
Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School ..	283-9701
Superintendent of Schools .....	283-9813
Sealer of Weights & Measures (Residence) .....	283-6638
Selectmen .....	283-7261
Tax Collector .....	283-6272
Town Accountant .....	283-7261
Town Clerk .....	283-3711
Town Treasurer .....	283-7622
Veteran's .....	283-8011
Wire Inspector (Residence) .....	283-3356